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A Tasty Competition

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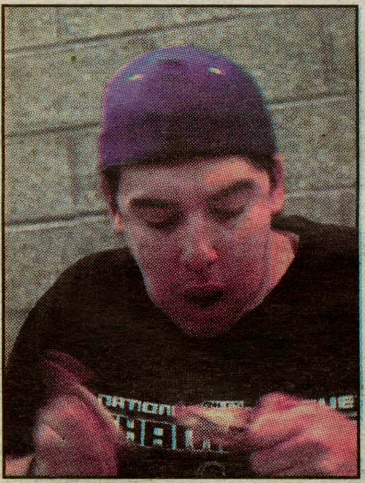

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A competitor chows down.

On Wednesday, the Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon, in conjunction with HAVOC, the President's Office and Student Activities, held the Second Annual Andrew Sheridan Memorial Chicken Wing Eating Contest. The competition is held each year in memory of Andrew Sheridan '09, a TKE brother and beloved friend of many on campus, who tragically passed away in January 2007. Sheridan was a champion wing eater, so this contest was deemed a fun celebration of his life. The proceeds from the event went to the Underground Café, with 10 percent going to the Senior Gift fund in his name.

This year the competition drew scores of students and chicken wings, provided by the NYPD restaurant in Clinton, to the Annex. Twenty-four competitors braved the first round, in which they had to consume 20 wings in seven minutes. Only 10 completed this grueling task and moved on to the final round: an intense all-you-can-eat five minutes.

"I thought I was losing the whole time, so I was surprised when I found out I had eaten the most," said Adam Boles '11, a TKE brother who won the competition with a 40 wing total, almost matching last year's record of 43. Boles was rewarded for his victory with a silver cup trophy and of course, bragging rights.

"I'm going to put this trophy on my desk, and then maybe throw up in it," Boles joked, referring to the possible "reversal of fortune" that the competition's judges had warned about.

"I'd like to thank the Hamilton community and congratulate Adam," said Dave Brown '10 who was in charge of organizing the event, which took around two months and 2,000 chicken wings to bring to fruition. Brown considered the event a success as it was attended by over 80 people and raised $780 for charity. However, at the end of the contest, its true purpose was made clear.

"I know many of us, especially seniors, knew Andrew well as his roommates, friends or brothers," said Stuart Lombardi '09, "Thanks for everything, this is a great way to honor his memory."

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HAVOC Madness at Midnight with Hamilton Basketball Teams

PHOTO BY LI QUI '09

The men's and women's basketball teams came out for a terrific night of hype in front of a full fieldhouse.

by Haley Riemer-Peltz '12
News Writer

The Men's and Women's Basketball teams and the Hamilton Association for Volunteering, Outreach and Charity (HAVOC) collaborated to kick off the 2008-2009 basketball season with Midnight Madness. The event was held Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House.

The event included a three-point contest, a slam-dunk contest, a short scrimmage between members of each of the teams and performances by the Dance and Cheerleading teams. Raffles were held to raise money, and prizes were given.

"Midnight Madness had been done in the past as a way to get the school excited for the upcoming basketball season, but this year HAVOC stepped in and added a fundraising aspect to the event as well," commented HAVOC participant and event coordinator, Andrew Conroy '10. "All proceeds from the event went to the Johnson Park Center, which is one of HAVOC's many projects in downtown Utica."

The event helped raise funds to support JCP's youth athletic programs. JPC is a faith-based, non-profit organization that focuses on community development. It is located in Cornhill, the most disadvantaged neighborhood in Utica. The Center promotes positive change in the area by providing emergency and transitional housing for women, children, and families. JPC also extends community-based support services in areas of nutrition, recreation, mentoring and advocacy.

HAVOC's specific role in the event was to help boost attendance in an effort to raise money, along with raising awareness about student community involvement. Midnight Madness raised an estimated $700 this year.

The event was well attended. The first 75 people got free t-shirts, and HAVOC continued to sell many shirts through the rest of the program. There was also a raffle, where the winner

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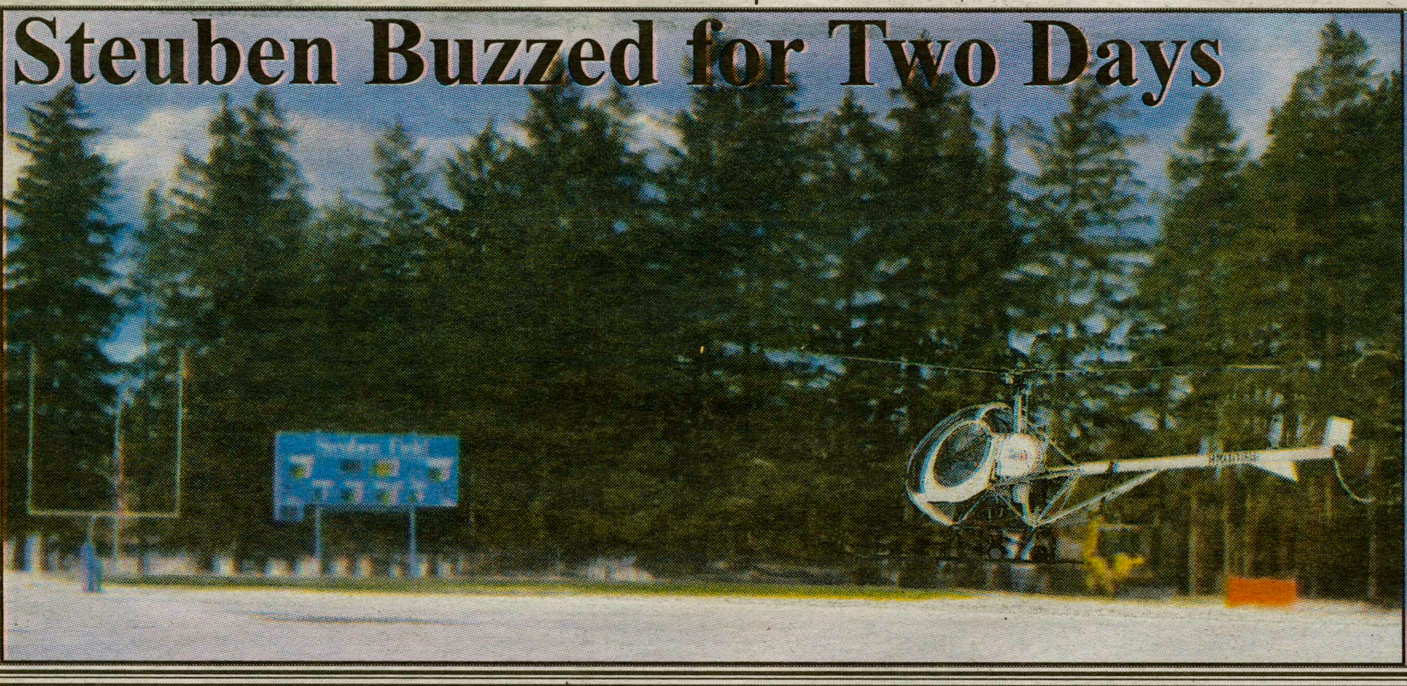
Steuben Buzzed for Two Days



The Athletic Department elected to rent a helicopter in order to clear snow from Steuben Field before last Saturday's Parent's Weekend game against Middlebury. The helicopter, which cost the College $200 for every hour it hovered above the field, proved ineffective. Football players shovelled the remaining snow from the field the night before in order to line the field. Hamilton Football lost the game 31-28.

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Helicopter Blows Snow Off Field; Mixed Results

by Hali Baumstein '11
News Writer

Last Friday, Oct. 31, many students walking past Steuben Football Field were surprised, and puzzled, to see a large helicopter hovering over the playing field. The helicopter was not just for show—the Athletic Department brought it to the Hill to dry out the field in preparation for the football team's game the next day.

During the previous Saturday's game, heavy and constant rains had drenched the field. According to Athletic Director and former Hamilton football player Jon Hind '80, it was muddy enough to be "practically unplayable."

As a result, the grounds crew did not have time to prepare the field for the next weekend's game. Hind commented, "The ground was saturated to the point we could not get any of our equipment on the field. If we cannot get on the field to work, we cannot line the field. And if we cannot line the field, we cannot even consider playing at home."

The team had the opportunity to move their game to an artificial field at a nearby high school, but this option included several financial and human costs. The College would have to pay the rental fees, all labor costs associated with using the facility, and for two buses to transport the football team to and from the facility. The seniors would have also had to play their very last home game, which fell on Family Weekend, away from their home field. "As a football alum, I can tell you that, regardless of what we may think of the field and the stadium, it means a great deal to play on that field, especially for the last time," said Hind.

Hind decided to rent the helicopter, allowing the game to proceed on campus. Helicopters are often used to dry off playing fields and golfing greens, but Hamilton has rarely made use of them. The last time the College hired a helicopter for a sports-related task was in 1985, also due to inclement weather.

In the end, staying on campus proved to be less expensive. "There is actually substantial cost savings in attempting to keep the game here on campus," he stated. "The cost for the use of the helicopter is much less than the projected costs involved with moving the game. I decided, based on financial stewardship and the hopes and wishes of our players, to take these steps in order to have Steuben Field playable for Saturday."

Hind has not received the official invoice yet, but he said the college paid about $200 an hour for the helicopter. The helicopter was in use for several hours, so the final price will be approximately $600.

Student Assembly Talks Plans for a CEC

by Amanda Jordan '10
Student Assembly Correspondent

At the meeting on November 3, 2008, the Student Assembly (SA) discussed lighting the American flag and other large projects on campus. Last week, the Assembly considered allocating $10,000 to installing a new flagpole to light the flag at night. Before making any funding decisions, the Assembly discussed other projects on campus that could potentially use funding as well. One of the projects included an outdoor ice skating rink, which would be located in North Court (in front of Dunham) and would cost under $5,000 to install and buy the necessary materials for construction. It would be scheduled for events and open for skating in January. Other ideas included purchasing flat screen TVs for Commons in order to keep students up-to-date on news events, repairing the pool tables in the Pub and other social spaces on campus, and lighting or placing reflectors near the Bundy crosswalk. Some students also suggested somehow protecting Martin's Way Bridge in the winter because it can get slippery and increasing the amount of interior and exterior lights on campus. A member specifically noted that the Farmhouse, Carnegie, and South need more lighting. Other ideas were added by the Assembly to this list of campus projects. A survey will soon be sent out to all students asking for their contributions concerning what projects SA should fund.

Another major item on the agenda was the issue regarding a Cultural Education Center on campus. Many students on campus believe that it is crucial for Hamilton to have a Cultural Education Center. Proponents of this center assert that it would be a clear symbol that Hamilton is concerned with cultural education and diversity. Additionally, it would provide a safe place to accommodate all students on campus. Some students suggested that the Cultural Education Center could incorporate study abroad programs, the Womyn's Center, and other additional organizations and groups. It would also contain a lecture area, meeting space, computer lab, and a resource room for historical documents. However, many students fear that by isolating the Cultural Education Center in one building, it would actually undermine the central idea of integration. After a long discussion, SA unanimously approved support for a physical building to be used as a Cultural Education Center. Student Assembly plans on passing a formal resolution on this issue next week.

As usual, SA also discussed funding and committee reports. This week, $1929.28 was allocated in funding, which brings the total amount to $83,272.28 this semester. The Elections Committee announced that the Student Assembly President/Vice President election will be held on December 8 and 9 this year. Student Assembly agreed to suspend the voting rules for this election in order to see if the response rate increases when students are allowed 48 hours to vote instead of the usual 24 hours. The Diversity and Accessibility Committee announced that Quidditch will be held on November 8 at 1:00 p.m. on Minor Field. Additionally, a trip to Utica will take place on November 11, and the committee has received funding for thirteen students to participate. The Social Traditions Committee is already beginning to plan the Citrus Bowl and FebFest. The Technology Committee reported that more than 500 students responded to their cell phone service survey, of which 466 reported that they had bad service. The majority of these respondents live in Dunham, North, Bundy, and Kirkland. Lastly, the Facilities Committee announced that they are working on having more outlets available on the second and third floors of the library, especially during finals week. More updates will be provided at the next meeting on committee reports, as well as the Cultural Education Center and funding for large campus-wide projects.

Plans for a Cultural Education Center Discussed, Endorsed at Hamilton Faculty Meeting and SA

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There were two new developments in the campaign for a Cultural Education Center (CEC) this week: both the faculty and the Student Assembly (see above right) officially offered their support for the center.

The faculty voted 85-7 to approve a motion that called upon President Stewart, Dean of Faculty Joseph Urgo and Dean of Students Nancy Thompson to "facilitate [the center's] design and implementation as expeditiously as possible." In the rationale for the motion, they wrote that the CEC would not need an entirely new building.

The Social Justice Initiative (SJI), a student organization that has been agitating for a Cultural Education Center for over a year, requested that the faculty offer their support. Faculty signatories brought a motion to the attention of the faculty at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Professor of Government Stephen Orvis and Assistant Professor of History Lisa Trivedi both stood in front of the group to present the measure.

Orvis argued that students from underrepresented groups have historically shown less satisfaction with their experience at Hamilton, citing the results of exit interviews and relatively small support of the College as alumni. Based on both this data and what he characterized as strong support from the student body, he pled with the faculty to pass the motion.

Well over 30 students attended to show their support, many who were affiliated with the SJI. The students snapped their fingers after faculty comments they agreed with. They planned to cough to express disapproval of any comments, although none did.

Faculty Chair and Professor of Mathematics Robert Kantrowitz '82 led a faculty-wide discussion after Orvis's presentation. At the end of the discussion, Geoffrey Hicks '09, a member of SJI, spoke. Hicks explained the rationale for the center from a student perspective: he said that he and many students felt "cheated" when they arrived at Hamilton. He supported Orvis's contention that students from underrepresented groups are usually satisfied academically, but they otherwise feel as if they are just "surviving," unlike the majority of their white peers.

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Jon Stewart Here Next Friday

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- Students, faculty and staff will be ushered from the Emerson Lobby, through the Sage Rink and into the Field House.
- The time for picking up guest passes for the event has closed.

Take Back the Night with the Womyn's Center

by Julia Mulcrone '11
News Writer

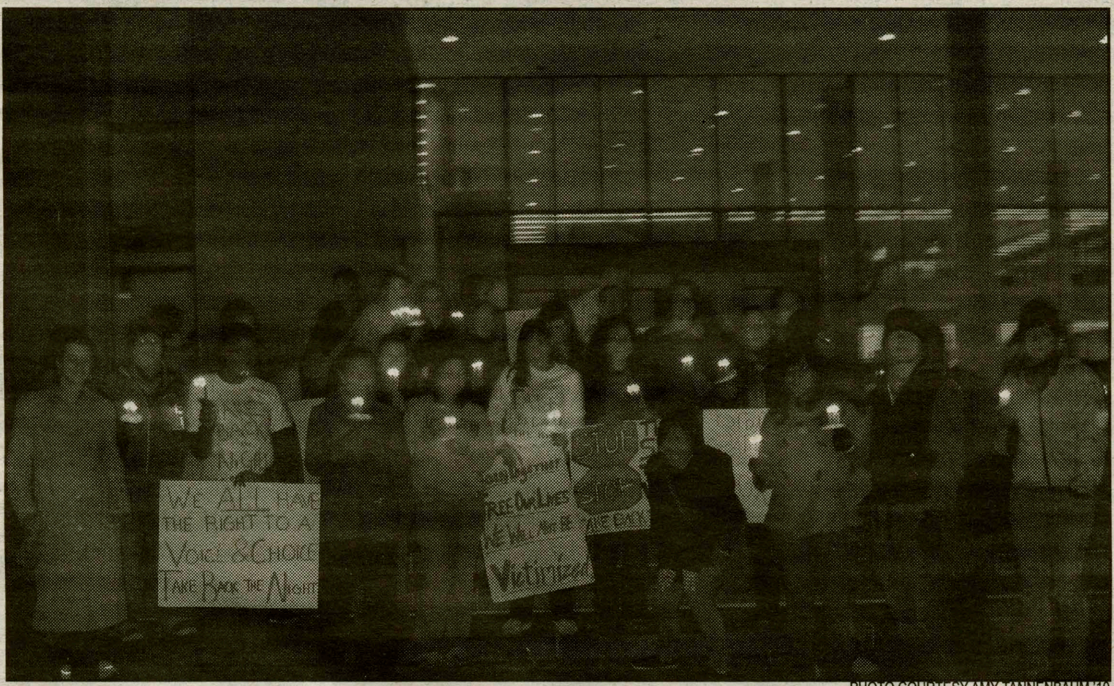
"Join together! Free our lives! We will not be victimized!" rang across the Hamilton campus Monday night as participants in Take Back the Night marched.

Take Back the Night, a nationally organized rally, march and speak-out, was brought to Hamilton by the Womyn's Center. Its theme, according to takebackthenight.org, revolves around "the assertion that all human beings have the right to be free from violence, the right to be heard, and the right to reclaim those rights if they are violated."

Although Take Back the Night rallies are usually held in April, the Womyn's Center decided to take immediate action in response to what they regarded as the Hamilton community's ambivalence towards the intrusion in Milbank over fall break. According to Amy Tannenbaum '10, co-chair of the Womyn's Center, "In light of the recent attempted sexual assault we wanted to organize this as a way to show our support for the survivor." Joanna Myers '09, the victim of the break-in, had expressed her support for the event.

The thirty or so participants, including Myers, gathered at 9 p.m. on the steps of Burke Library to light candles and grab posters before beginning their march around campus. The marchers shouted chants as they traced a path from the library to KJ and back around past ELS, where a student assembly meeting was taking place. Demonstrators decided to show support for the Womyn's Center and its objectives by walking past this meeting.

The marchers then went to the soon to be demolished Womyn's Center to speak out about sexual assault. Traditionally, victims of sexual assault come forward to tell their stories in Take Back the Night speak-outs. While survivors did share their stories of sexual assault, the discussion on Monday night focused more on the fall break intrusion, the subsequent response of the administration and the community, and the problem of awareness of sexual assault at Hamilton.


WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO A VOICE & CHOICE
TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
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WE WILL NOT BE VICTIMIZED

PHOTO COURTESY AMY TANNENBAUM '10

Female students turned out for the Take Back the Night candlelight vigil and march.

It began with a discussion of the events of the intrusion in Milbank and quickly led to a criticism of the administration's handling of the event via e-mail. Some people felt that the reminder to students to lock their doors placed too much blame on the victim, and many took issue with the fact that the e-mail did not include any mention of attempted sexual assault and Hamilton's lack of tolerance for any sexual assault.

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson attended the meeting and responded to these comments. She said that although it was Campus Safety that ultimately sent out the e-mail, she did review the account of the intrusion. She said that she thought Hamilton's lack of tolerance for sexual assault went without saying, but that she could not label the incident as an attempted sexual assault because she "could only put out those things [she] knew to be absolutely true."

She added that, "It would be irresponsible for them to not remind students to lock their doors," but apologized that it seemed as if the victim was being blamed. Finally, in response to complaints about the administration's seeming lack of seriousness regarding the matter, Thompson stated that she thought police investigation of the incident was proof enough that sexual assault will never be tolerated at Hamilton.

Many of the attendants then expressed concern that there is a general false impression on campus that Hamilton is a safe haven from the dangers of the real world, including but not limited to sexual assault. The speak out concluded with a discussion of possibilities to increase awareness of sexual assault at Hamilton.

Thompson suggested the creation of a collaborative committee that would include members of the administration, faculty, and student body and devote itself to raising awareness. There was also talk of a campaign to spread information about sexual assault and its consequences as well as a resurveying of campus to update the 2001 statistics on sexual assault.

In the eyes of Amy Tannenbaum, Take Back the Night was "very successful." Those who attended were able to discuss their thoughts and frustrations about sexual assault. They were also able to develop ideas to increase awareness on campus with a member of the administration. Sushmita Preetha '09, a member of the Womyn's Center Executive Board, said, "I am glad Nancy Thompson came to the meeting, and at least she seemed receptive to what we were saying."

It remains to be seen whether or not steps will indeed be taken to increase awareness of sexual assault on campus. Kenyon Laing '09 said that " [the presence of Nancy Thompson] was encouraging, but the administration must prove its support with further action."

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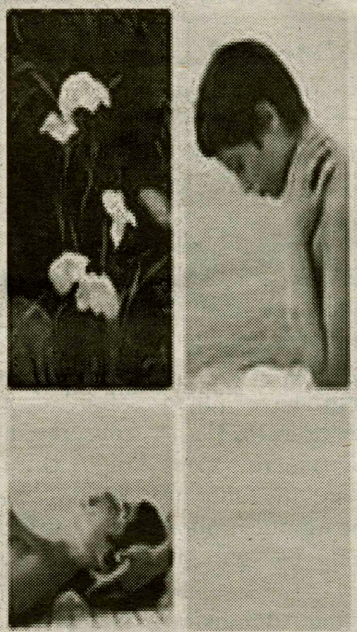
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The Right Side of History

Professor Cryer discusses labels in race and politics

by Professor Mark Cryer
Associate Professor of Theatre

A few weeks ago, my sister in-law sent out a link to Obama's tax calculator in an e-mail and this event started a flood of e-mails back and forth between family members, mainly between my brother in-law and his siblings. I have tried to stay above the fray by not sending such links, instead enjoying the conversation happening in this family, certain that this same conversation is happening within many other families all over America.

I decided to write this story as it dawned on me that this white family has something most American families don't, an African American as part of the family. Even though my in-laws have never mentioned my race, they understand that it is an important part of who I am as a person. They can see it through my work as a playwright and the roles I choose to play as an actor, many of them typically associated with African Americans.

Whenever the subject of race comes up with my non-black friends, I always consider the question carefully before I respond. Such was the case a few weeks ago when one of my white golfing buddies said he didn't like either candidate. He had seen my Obama bumper sticker and began to quiz me on why I was supporting him.

His first question was obvious: "Is it because he's black?" I quietly and calmly told him that I prefer the term African American and then said, "Hell no! If Clarence Thomas were running for President, I sure as hell wouldn't vote for him!" I told him African Americans aren't a monolithic people; we don't all think alike.

I said to him, "Pete, you're old enough to remember the Civil Rights Movement. Back then, there were many people who voted against many of those bills and thought African Americans should just go back to 'their place' and be happy they live in America. These people were on the wrong side of history, Pete. Don't you want to be on the right side?" The look on his face spoke volumes; he had never given this a thought.

Here in 2008 is a man, an American, an African American, part of the best and brightest this country has to offer, who serves as a shining example of what this great nation is all about: opportunity, education,

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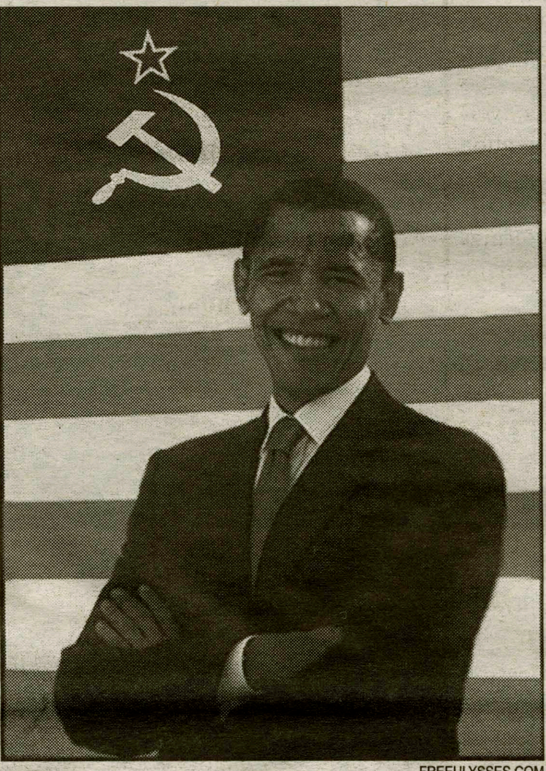

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Response to "Administration Translation"

Why Angry Rhetoric Proves Detrimental to Discussion on CEC

by Will Leubsdorf
Insights & Ideas Writer

As much as we would like to ignore it, racism is still a part of American society. Racism is clearly evident in the de facto segregation that continue to exist in many areas around the U.S. and the wide disparities in economic, social, and education opportunity between minorities and whites. Racism is a real problem that deserves substantive public dialogue; unfortunately, editorials like Corinne Bancroft's do not help create that dialogue.

Labeling the Administration as racist is ineffective and inaccurate, but more importantly counterproductive. Words have power, a power that can be diminished if improperly used. Throwing around accusations of racism like Keystone at an Annex party does not raise awareness of racial issues, instead serving to alienate the very people she hopes to inform.

When this rhetoric is over-employed in situations where it is not applicable by any reasonable objective standard, the argument loses impact. By the time an actual instance of bigotry occurs, cries of racism will fall on deaf ears.

The language Bancroft employed directly implied that the Administration was acting out of bigotry. I strongly disagree with the Administration's handling of many issues—including most recently the planned demolition of the Womyn's Center—but I still have faith in their good intentions for Hamilton's future. Bancroft does not seem to share this faith; no wonder that the Administration has reciprocated by ignoring SJI.

Accusing the Administration and the broader campus of bigotry is not an effective way to achieve a better and more inclusive community. Instead, that type of language narrows the argument for the Cultural Education Center, excluding and antagonizing the broader community.

Fairly or unfairly, people perceive that rhetoric as attempting to guilt them into supporting the Cultural Education Center. Statements like Bancroft's have alienated members of the community who are otherwise sympathetic towards SJI's goals.

My question for Bancroft is this: how can we expect a public discourse on race when anyone who happens to disagree with SJI's approach is either implicitly or explicitly labeled as a racist?

Campus discourses on racial and socioeconomic issues are negatively impacted by such rhetoric. Many students are afraid of expressing their opinions, fearing being labeled as a bigot. One reason Dexter struck a chord among some students is because Dexter expressed what they've been thinking but have been too cowed to voice. That may not have been the original intent, but that has been the effect.

A public discourse cannot occur if only one side is talking, which is precisely the current situation. Disagreeing with the approach championed by SJI for dealing with lingering inequalities does not make someone a racist. There are plenty of grounds to criticize the Administration's response to SJI, but racism is not one of them. The Hamilton community needs an ongoing dialogue on racial and socioeconomic issues, but the type of language used in last week's editorial impedes that dialogue. Frankly, that's just disappointing.

Raising Awareness or Alarm?

by Daniel Steinman
Insights & Ideas Contributor

Over this past weekend, you may have noticed a banner hung near the entrance outside of Beinecke displaying in large, colorful block letters the words, "Hey Parents," over the statement, "One in Five students are sexually assaulted on campus." I happened to witness this sign being put up, and I just couldn't figure it out. Why broadcast something that will undoubtedly upset parents visiting their child for family weekend? What purpose does it serve?

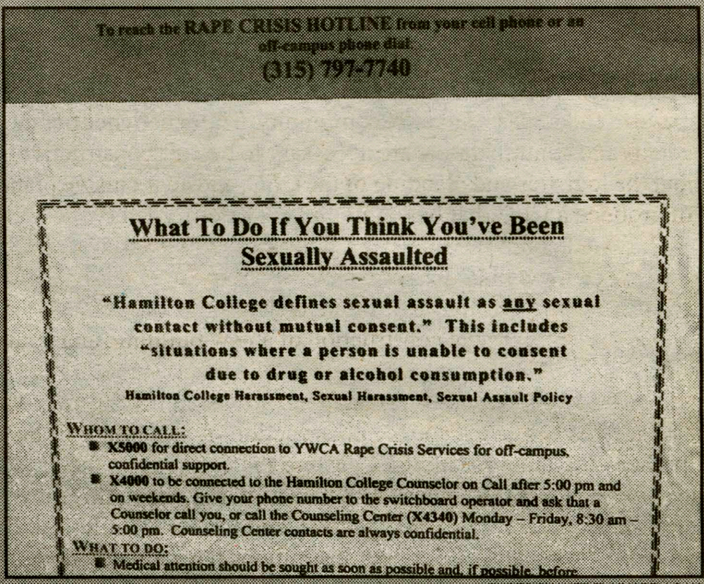
Since then, I've been considering various justifications that could be made in the defense of this action. Raising awareness? Raising awareness about the magnitude of sexual assaults is obviously important so that female students know to be cautious and that they should not feel apprehensive about reporting assaults when they occur. The students need to be aware, not their parents.

There is absolutely nothing a mother can do with this information that will prevent future assaults. Moreover, do we really assume that parents are so ignorant that they do not know that sexual assaults occur regularly at colleges? What point is there to reminding them when they have come to enjoy seeing their son or daughter?

Sending a message? What message? Sexual assault is obviously a significant and very real problem, and I doubt there is any member of the Hamilton community that would disagree. So, hanging a banner isn't going to change anyone's mind on the subject. It doesn't provide or even suggest a solution in any way. When directed towards students' parents, the "message" doesn't produce positive results. It only worries mothers about the safety of their daughters.

The message itself is misleading. This statement about assaults "on campus" implies that the statistic is about Hamilton College, right now; I have come to understand it derives from a national survey of college campuses that was published in 1990.

Freedom of speech? Sure, any student should be able to express his or her view and disseminate information that he or she believes is important, but that doesn't mean there is an absolute right to offend people, just for the sake of wanting to. Some people on campus, I've observed, are very vocal in their objections to things students say publicly that they find to be offensive to women, even if they are unintentionally offensive. I don't see how the banner, "Hey parents, One in Five students are sexually assaulted on campus," could be construed as serving any purpose except for being intentionally offensive.



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This sign, posted in bathrooms throughout campus, offers support for sexual assault victims.

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On the SJI's Proposal for the Creation of a Cultural Education Center at Hamilton College

We don't live in a perfect society. But we accept this fact and we do our best to make it so, to make it inclusive, supportive, virtuous and diverse. Early last year a number of Hamilton students decided to shoulder this responsibility in a collective and organized manner, and formed the Social Justice Initiative. For a year these students have made their presence known and their voices heard. Their message has reminded the Hamilton community that our society requires cultivation, and that we all must share in the responsibility of providing it.

Central to their agenda has been the creation of a Cultural Education Center at Hamilton: "A physical and intellectual space on campus that will advance intercultural communication by putting the experiences of people from marginalized groups at the center." After Coffee Hours, demonstrations, and numerous meetings with faculty, administrators and trustees, the SJI has brought their proposal for a CEC to the height of the Hill's attention. Yet the conversation has largely been one between the upper echelons of the administration and the students who compose the SJI.

So how do the other members of the community feel about the SJI's CEC proposal? Apparently, pretty good. This week saw the first formal offerings of support for the CEC, one from the Student Assembly and the other from the Hamilton Faculty.

On Monday night, Student Assembly discussed the SJI's CEC proposal and the Faculty motion in support of the creation of the CEC. During the meeting, President Okin simplified the topic to whether or not the CEC should be given its own building, and the SA voted for the building. Despite the narrowed vote and debate, a significant fact was conveyed. In choosing to vote only on the issue of a physical space, the SA implicitly, though perhaps unwittingly, declared their unanimous support for the CEC's mission and programming.

On Tuesday evening the Faculty voted on a motion to express their "support for the establishment of a Cultural Education Center at Hamilton," and to call upon "President Stewart, Dean of Faculty Joseph Urgo, and Dean of Students Nancy Thompson to facilitate its design and implementation as expeditiously as possible." The motion passed 85-7 and the preceding discussion was thorough and thoughtful.

These two declarations of support are important for the development of the CEC. More importantly, they are indicative of prevalent support for the CEC up and down the Hill. So what does this support mean for SJI and the CEC?

To begin, it means that the SJI has succeeded. Its members stood up to the problems they found at Hamilton, proposed a well-thought solution for them, solicited support from across the Hill for it, and convinced the Hamilton community of the gravity of the CEC's mission.

Secondly, it means we must begin moving forward. During the Faculty meeting, faculty members emphasized drawing more people into the conversation on the CEC. Nothing could be more important. The conversation must expand to encompass the entire community. The experience of more professors, students and administrators are necessary to begin a constructive conversation about the logistics and planning of the CEC, and an inclusive planning process will produce a CEC that has something to offer for everyone on the Hill.

But what about the issue of a building? If we agree with the mission of the CEC, then we must recognize the necessity of at least providing a physical space for the creation and implementation of the center's programming. This may not require the construction of a new building, and could be accomplished by re-allocating current space, as the faculty have noted. But as Stuart Lombardi pointed out at Monday's Student Assembly meeting, the allocation of substantial resources for the construction of a building to house the CEC is perhaps the most meaningful gesture the college can make to show that it cares about the CEC's issues. As token as it may seem, this move would send a clear message to current, prospective, and former Hamilton students in "college speak," as many of our peer institutions have already done.

Either way we cannot let the issue of the CEC's housing impede the development of its programming. Our focus should lie on engaging the Hamilton community in the planning process. As the process proceeds, it will reveal more about what kind of physical space the center will require. For those of you with your hearts set on that new building: the more programming we create, the more apparent the need for a building will become, and the better informed its opponents will be on the issues that necessitate its existence. For those of you who oppose the creation of the CEC: lend your voices to the discussion. If your feelings are honest and your intentions are good, you should not be afraid to stand by them. Your silence would only promote tension.

We applaud SJI for their unwavering commitment to the betterment of our community. We applaud Student Assembly for offering their support to SJI, and their efforts to the planning process. We applaud the faculty of Hamilton College for their pledge to help address the problems that the SJI has brought to light, and for their call on the Hamilton community and administration to join in this effort.

The quality of our community falls on all of our shoulders. The SJI can remind us of this fact, and the reasons we must face it, but in the end the society we compose will only change as we do. If a successful Cultural Education Center is to be created, it will require the collective effort and input of the entire Hamilton community. (That means you)...

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Ask Mister Morals

Offers advice on criticism and virginity

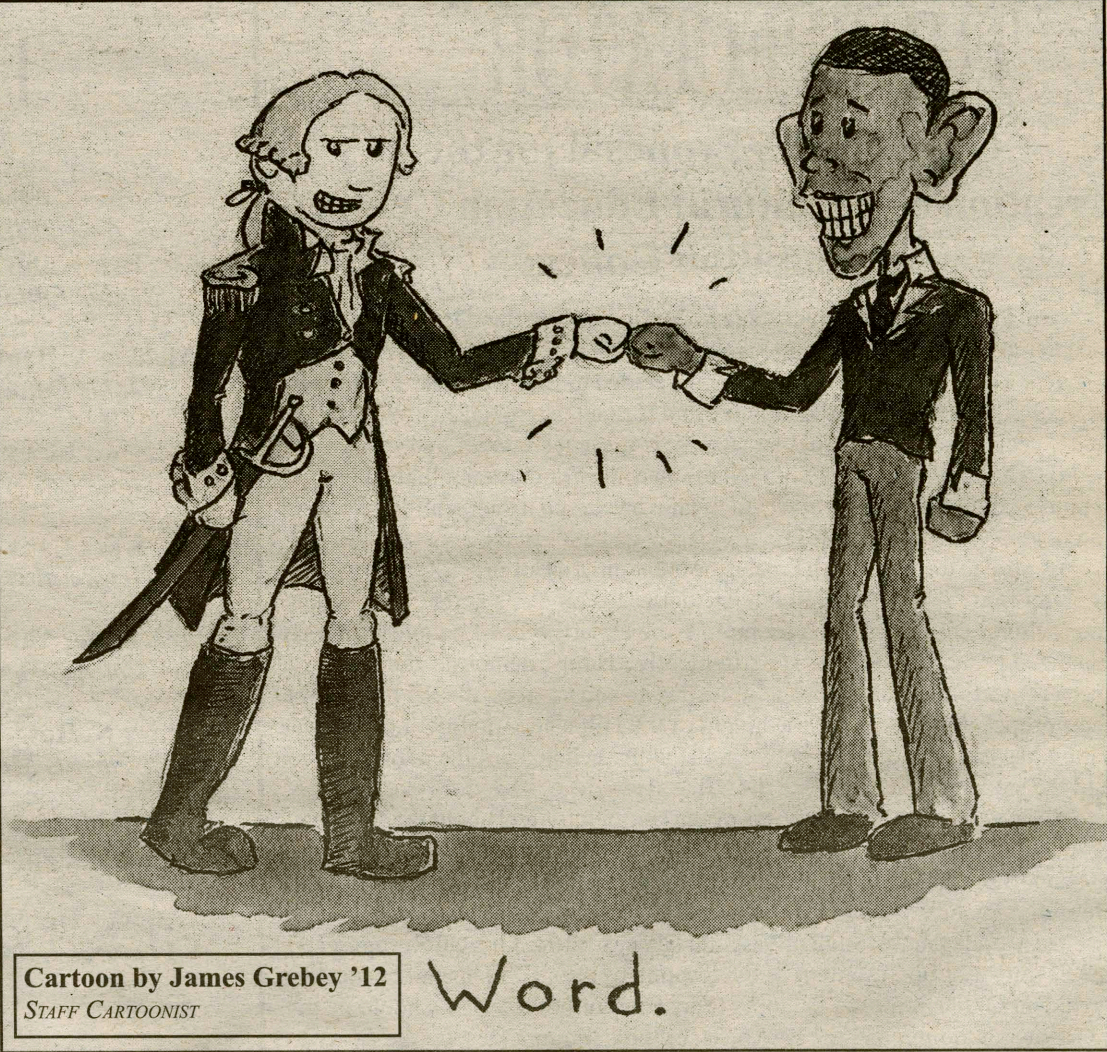
I am in a creative writing class where most of my workload centers on critiquing other students' work. Sometimes I come across stories that I really don't like. Should I point out some minor criticisms and some positives, and, as they say, "beat around the bush" or would I be serving them better to flat out tell them I think their idea is awful and to point them in a completely different direction?

With all due respect to your critical genius, you are not in a position to be rejecting the work of your classmates. The purpose behind peer-editing is to get feedback before submitting a final draft. It's your responsibility to help the author revise his work and make it the best it can be before he hands it in. No matter how much you dislike what you have read, avoid making blanket judgments. Instead, focus on the specifics i.e., how effectively the author delivers his message. Leave the rest to the professor. Frankly, you don't have the experience to "flat out tell them [that] their idea is awful," nor do you want to risk the negative feelings you might engender when, you know, you tell them their story sucks.

I was set up with a girl named Rachel by my friend, Maggie. I have known Maggie for a very long time and she is one of my closest friends. Before Rachel and I got together, Maggie confided in me that Rachel is not a virgin. She made me promise not to tell Rachel that she told me this. Why she would tell me this or why she thought I would care, I don't know. Rachel and I had sex for the first time a few days ago and she made it clear to me that she was, in fact, a virgin, that she had never done it before. So my problem is this: One of these people is either lying to me or is extremely confused. I have a lot of faith in both girls and I honestly don't know which to believe. I don't want to make a big deal out of nothing but I do want to get to the bottom of this. Furthermore, I would like to do that without screwing up either my relationship with Rachel or my friendship with Maggie. What is the most ethical path for me to take?

It's unfortunate that either your closest friend or your girlfriend is lying to you, especially on such a personal matter, but there is nothing you can do about it. Both Rachel and Maggie spoke to you with the understanding, made explicit in Maggie's case, that your conversations would remain confidential. If you actively try and figure out if Rachel is a virgin and someone finds out, you will have betrayed your closest friend and your girlfriend, a scenario which, I'm sure, you would rather avoid. It's difficult to know who to trust, but ultimately, you had sex with Rachel, not Maggie. If you cannot trust what she told you after such an intimate experience, you may want to reevaluate your relationship with her. I hope this turns out to be a simple misunderstanding.

Mister Morals is a column devoted to helping resolve the ethical dilemmas of Hamilton students. Email avorchhe@hamilton.edu with questions.



Cartoon by James Grebey '12
Staff Cartoonist

The Pitfalls of Punditry

*from **The Right**, page 4*

He has some fresh ideas and a different way of looking at how politics should be run in this nation, and both of his books are must reads for anyone of this generation thinking of running for office.

He has run his campaign like a well-oiled machine and, if that's any indication of how he would govern, his approach will be a stark improvement over the last eight years. He has forward thinking ideas on education, health care, energy and jobs, putting his focus not on the top three percent, but on the middle class, understanding that this country works from the bottom up, not the top down.

Some pundits have said that if he were white, he would have been ahead in the polls by twenty points. I can't dispute that, although I believe John McCain would have run a different campaign, too, if Obama were white.

I would have liked to see that John McCain, the real maverick, the man whose career I have, until this campaign, respected and admired. Unfortunately, his campaign, much like conservative talk radio, has deteriorated into fear mongering, ignoring the issues that affect our futures and the futures of our children.

Instead of debating the differences we all may have over the direction of the country, personal attacks have become the norm and we sink deeper into the abyss as a nation. Instead of embracing what this nation has created in Barack Obama, some have decided to attempt to tear him down.

"Socialist," "terrorist," "communist," "exotic" and his "shady" affiliations with individuals like Reverend Wright all have been subtle codes for "He's black. Be afraid!" I say, just say it! Or, for those low-information voters, look at your television screen! "Black" or "African American" should not be a bad word or distinction.

I have a quiet secret. I watch Keith Olbermann during commercials of Campbell Brown's program on CNN. When NPR is running a story I'm not interested in hearing, I switch the channel to Rush Limbaugh. I think he's funny and wrong, but I listen anyway. I am not afraid of the opinion of others, nor my own; I'm concerned for how these opinions are formed. I simply hope that my brother-in-law, like many Americans who paid close attention to the election, got their news from multiple sources, not just from Limbaugh.

As I searched various blogs the other night, I ran across one that showed a video of McCain supporters entering one of his rallies in Denver. There was a man there passing out Obama information with a video camera. People yelled, "Socialist, communist" and other racial epithets. None of these caught my attention as much as a little girl following her mother.

She was not more than six or seven, the same age as my brother in-law's oldest child. Her mother stopped at the camera long enough to shout a few words at the man while her daughter in the background jumped up and down making monkey noises, saying, "He's a monkey." There is little doubt where she got that from and I immediately began praying for her, that one day she'll learn before it's too late.

I have no doubt that my brother-in-law is teaching his children what is right and wrong, how we should treat each other with respect even when we disagree with one another, and I can only hope and pray that he seeks his information from those who don't tout their own biases as fact. I hope he, like all of us, finds himself on the right side of history.

Thumbs up

Take Back the Night: Thanks for raping my chances of concentrating at the library Tuesday night.

Keystone Light: So smooth you can drink it every night of the week, which is a good thing considering it now gets dark at 3:00 p.m.

Barack Obama elected president: Holy $h*t, this is going to make getting laid so much easier when I go abroad.

Chaise LaDousa: Every time you tell a story, an angel gets its wings.

Hamilton football loses in a last minute heartbreaker, which is a nice break from losing an every minute disaster.

Thumbs down

If one more person tells me that they're from just outside of Boston, I'm going to punch them just inside their face.

Family weekend activities: What could be more fun than an informative poster session followed by a lively tour of the arboretum? I know! How about having Ray Lewis beat me to death with a sock full of batteries.

Massachusetts decriminalizes marijuana, California re-bans gay marriage, America elects a black president and I'm confused.

The Daily Bull short story contest: If I wanted to hear about college students snorting an excessive amount of adderal, I'd go to the library when econ majors have exams.

Weather: I'm more confused than a woman in a library.

Who Cares?

Flobots: "Handlebars" is good, I guess.

Large computers in the library: the charm of looking at mid-range chunkers is lost in that much detail.

$10,000 flag pole with lights: Oh, great idea. As long as we're wasting money let's give Campus Safety $5,000 for a mouth-smothering awareness campaign.

Craig's List limits sex ads: Although I know this constitutes a reversal of past Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down doctrine regarding sex on Craig's List, I have one thing to say: F#%k.

The Young Socialists: If you don't like 'Murica, you can just GIT OUT!

by Steve Allinger '09, Jason Brown '09, Anthony DelConte '10 & Matt Fellows '09

FROM WHERE I SIT
HAMILTON'S INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Family Weekend!

By Chun Yee Lau '12
Features Writer

For many international students, it is nearly impossible for their parents to visit them during Family Weekend. Although I qualify as an international student due to my dual citizenship in China and the U.S., my parents are only about a five hour drive from Hamilton's campus. I was looking forward to having them visiting me; however, I knew deep inside that they would not be able to come because they have to work. They always work.

As Friday was Halloween, I overcame my disappointment and joined my good friend, Maeve and her family on their adventure into Clinton. After their laborious and tiring eight hour drive from Baltimore, Maryland, Maeve's family greeted me warmly. I was and am still amazed by their open generosity.

Although I have lived in this country for eight years, I have never gone "Trick or Treating." I always thought it was such a bizarre tradition where you dress up as someone else and demand a "trick" or a "treat." But that evening, I had a fantastic time. Maeve and I dressed up as geishas with chopsticks in our hair, and her little sister, Fiona dressed as a ladybug. As we went from house to house, I felt this sort of contentment radiating from deep within my soul. All the stress from classes and studies vanished from my mind and all I could think about was what candy I was going to get at the next haunted house.

On Saturday night as family weekend was drawing to an end, Maeve's family and I went into New Hartford for dinner at the Phoenician Restaurant. The atmosphere was bright and sparkly and alive with conversation and laughter. We talked about Hamilton and how Maeve and I are adjusting to this change of scenery. I had grown to love the hustle and bustle of New York City and Maeve had attended an all-girls school for 13 years. It has been quite a change for the both of us. Maeve's mother asked about our friends in Wertimer, the only all-freshman dorm down the hill. At the same time both of us complained about the long walk up the hill to get on campus. However, since neither one of us is used to cold weather, we praised the glacial beauty of our very first snow this winter, just last Wednesday. As the evening passed, the happier I became because of Maeve's mother's infectious personality. She was so eager to hear about us, our Ballroom Dance class club as well as our weekly meditation meetings in the chapel. Her enthusiasm made it seem like she was very much like one of us: young at heart. The food was amazing, but the best part of the evening was simply being with Maeve's family.

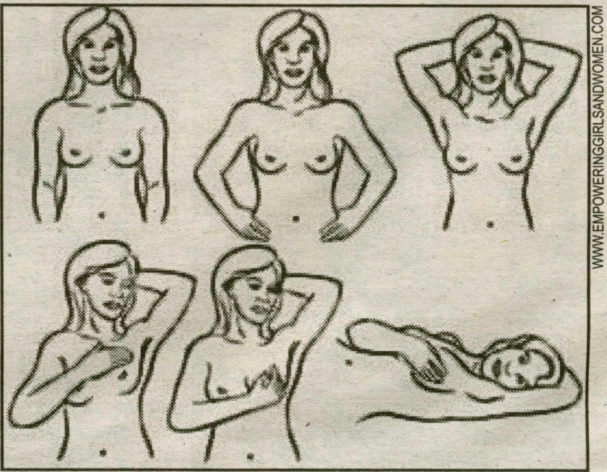
As they drove away that night, I felt grateful that they had let me into a small snippet of their world. The weekend was wonderful and filled with good friends, great conversations, orange and black cupcakes, and delicious homemade pancakes bright and early on Sunday morning. Combined with the beautiful fall weather, family weekend had been more than wonderful: it was magical. I cannot help but smile and relish such a great time. On top of such great memories, I have a bag full of chocolates and candies to enjoy as well as the snapshot that Maeve's mom took of Maeve, Fiona, and me in front of the infamous haunted House in Clinton.

"From Where I Sit" is the ESOL column that presents the nonnative English Speakers' point of view on his or her American experience at college.

Spectator Between the Sheets

By Annabelle Moore '12
Features Columnist

As you may have noticed, October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Indeed, the pink and white party and the campus bookstore's new inventory brought this fact to campus. But as we grow older, breast cancer awareness should not be limited to October. Although breast cancer is less likely in younger women (and men) knowing how to perform a breast self-exam is a great skill to have and a potentially life-saving habit to form. Check yourself, your girlfriend, or your best friend! Let's face it—no one's suffering here. Boobs are undeniably fun. Here are five steps to cop a feel and check for cancer at the same time.



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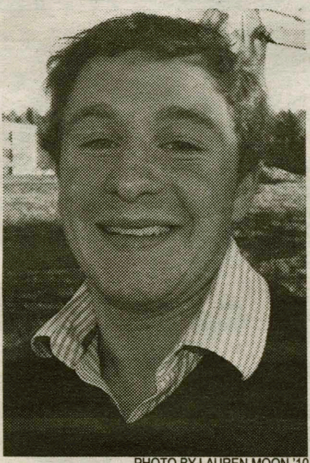
1. Look at your breasts in the mirror with your hands on your hips. Make sure they're their normal size, color and shape. Also check to make sure there is visual dimpling or puckering. Make sure the nipple is not inverted.
2. Now raise your arms above your head and make sure that everything still looks how it normally does for you.
3. Make sure no liquid is coming out of either nipple.
4. Lie on your back and use your fingers to firmly probe your breast by rubbing it in small circular motions with the pads of two fingers. Go from armpit to cleavage, and then collar bone to the top of your abs. Basically, make sure to cover both breasts entirely.
5. Standing or sitting, do this circular probing again. Some women find it easiest when the skin is wet, so try this step in the shower.

Although it doesn't get as much recognition, January is Cervical Health Awareness Month. Instead of waiting for January, though, start taking the necessary precautions towards cervical cancer prevention now. One big threat is the Human Papillomavirus (HPV), a sexually transmitted infection that can lead to cervical cancer and genital warts. HPV is very common—half of all sexually active men and women will be infected at some point in their lifetime. It is also undetectable in men, and most women. One effective preventative measure is using condoms and limiting the number of sexual partners you have. There is also Gardasil, the new HPV vaccine. A series of three shots over a six month period, this vaccine help prevent certain strains of HPV that lead to cervical cancer and genital warts. Gardasil is typically administered to women between 13 and 26, so the sooner you are vaccinated the better, whether you're sexually active or not. Gardasil does not prevent against all strains of HPV; so if you've been vaccinated don't throw your condoms out just yet. 32 percent of college women have HPV so please, get the vaccine and use condoms!

CORRECTION: *The "Spectator Between The Sheets" (October 24, 2008) neglected to credit the Womyn's Center for sponsoring the "I Love The Female Orgasm" seminar.*

Separated At Birth?



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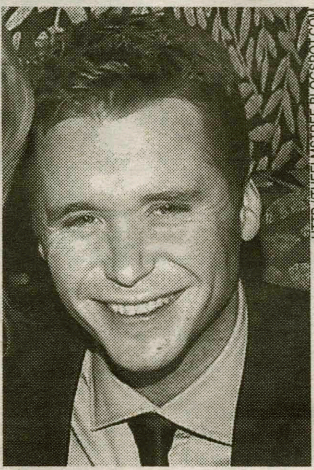

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HAMILTON LOGIC PUZZLE #1

By Russell Marcus
Dept. of Philosophy

The winner of Logic Puzzle #1, published in the Spectator last week is Yuqi Mao '09. The puzzle concerned contaminated champagne at a brunch for Family Weekend. Yuqi figured out that only five testers were needed to determine the unique contaminated bottle, and that the probability of each tester having blue teeth is (just under) 2/3.

The Puzzler would like to give special mention to Robert Kosar '12 and Chuck Borton, Chemistry Department, for solutions that also used only five testers. Liz Farrington '10, David Goldberg '11, and Tom Helmuth '09 provided excellent solutions for seven testers. The Puzzler confesses to being humbled by the wide variety of thoughtful solutions to the puzzle. Thanks to all of you who submitted solutions and who expressed interest! You can see the full winning solution, and other iteresting attempts at:
www.thatmarcusfamily.org/philosophy/Puzzles/Puzzles_Home.htm

The next puzzle will be published on November 14.

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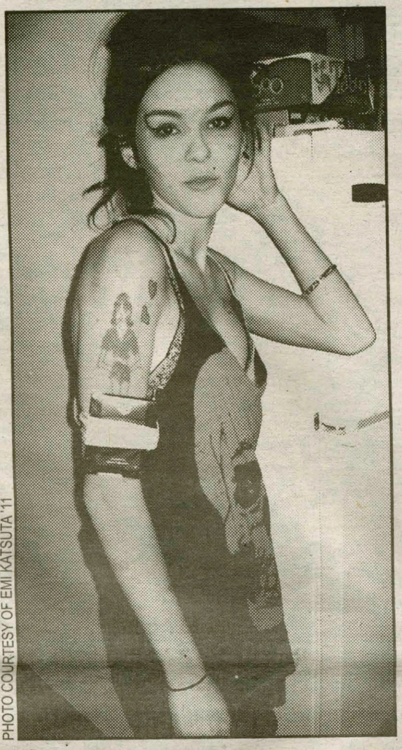
THE HALLOWEEN PHOTO CONTEST WINNER IS *"The Four Seasons"*



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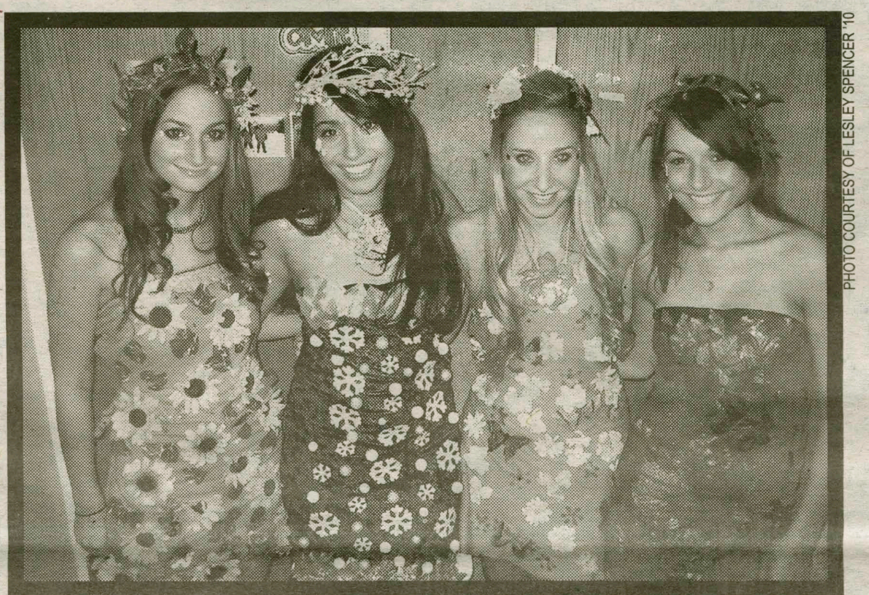

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A Closer LOOk: *Hamilton's Trust Treat Tradition*

By Jessica Brown '12
Features Writer

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Halloween is the one day of the year where it's okay to take candy from strangers. Growing up, it was the perfect excuse to get decked out in whatever you felt like wearing and collect as much candy as you could cram into your bags.

On the Hamilton campus, the holiday means a bit more than that. Every Halloween, students are invited to participate in Trust Treat, an event for which they can volunteer to participate in a safe trick-or-treating experience by creating haunted houses, handing out candy, or taking groups of Utica youth around campus to each of these stops. The idea for Trust Treat came from the class of '92, in honor of Eric Trust, a member of the class who died suddenly on Halloween of his freshman year.

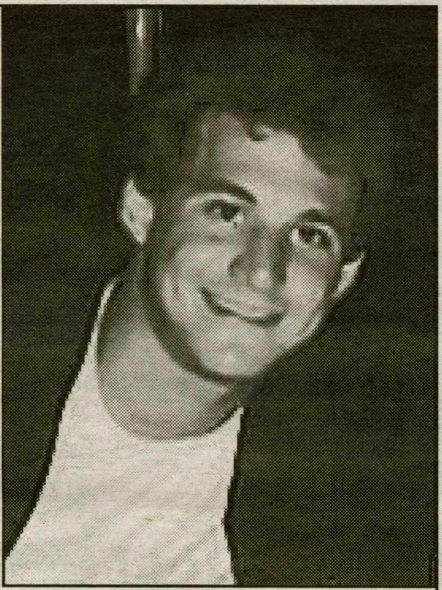
"The students at the time didn't want to spend the day being sad about Eric's loss but doing something that Eric would have appreciated," says Father John Croghan, the Newman Chaplain. "Since Eric was a Catholic and member of the Newman Community, we took it upon ourselves to organize a Halloween event that the whole campus could participate in."

The night began at 4:30 with a catered dinner for tour guides in the Hub. At 5:30, over 100 kids arrived, dressed in costumes ranging from princesses to ghouls and excited to get lots of candy. For two hours, tour guides brought their charges around to nine haunted houses and 21 candy stops before bringing them back to Bristol Center so they could get home. While the details have varied over the years, according to Father Croghan, the general idea remains the same: "Kids, candy, college students and a safe Halloween." This year's turn out was huge, with over 50 tour guides. Since my family wasn't due on campus until Saturday, I decided to get involved in Trust Treat as a tour guide and I found the entire thing to be really worthwhile. Everyone was excited about the night and the kids were grateful; I received several hugs and thanks as they filed out of Bristol to their buses. It was a rewarding experience and I plan to be involved for the rest of my time on the Hill.

Father Croghan looks forward to next year too, which will be the event's 20th anniversary. "I think that Eric would be pleased."

Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Brent Palmer '11



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Age: 19
Eye Color: Green
Height: 5' 8"
Sign: Aquarius
Hometown: Manhattan, New York

Major: Econ
On Campus Activities: Rugby

Interested In: Women
What You Are Looking For Now: anything and everything

Ideal Date:
On Campus: Diner then Bundy
Off Campus: Subway then Bundy

If you were to prepare a romantic dinner, what would be on the menu? New York steak
What is your ideal date wearing? Not much

Turn Ons: Female
Turn Offs: Males
Dating Deal Makers: Female
Dating Deal Breakers: Male

Favorites
Place to Hangout on Campus: Powder Keg
Exercise At The Gym: Bench Press
Gift to give: Flowers
Gift to get: Keystolope
Song: Hospital Beds by Cold War Kids
Book: The Art of War
Movie: The God Father
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: Young Folks by Peter Bjorn and John
Celeb Crush: Barak Obama
Campus Crush: Marge
Faculty Crush: Jean Burr
Breakfast: Eggs over easy
Sitcom: Army Wives
Reality TV Show: What ever is on the Military Channel.
Quote: "Roads? Where were going we don't need roads."
Most attractive organization on campus: Bundy
Car: White Warrior

Ors
Light side or Dark side? Bundy
Innie or Outie? Innie
Coffee or Tea? Coffee
Boxers or Briefs? Boxers
Midnight Rendezvous or Afternoon Delight? Midnight Rendezvous
Hot or Cold? Hot
Rok or VT? VT
Opus or DD? Opus
Keystone light or keystone ice? Keystone Light
Annex or ELS basement? Bundy
KJ or Science Center? Science Center

My most attractive quality: Drinking skills and Halo 3
Weirdest decoration in my room: Rubik cubes
The outfit that epitomizes me: jeans and a white tee

If I were an animal I would be: Keystolope
If I were a color I would be: Red like war.
If I could go anywhere in the world I would go: To New York City no explanation
If I were a cartoon character, I would be: Tazmanian devil

The best pick-up line I have used: "Are your legs tired because you've been nning on my mind all day."
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: "Hi."
How can someone tell that you are interested?: If I stay around...

If you were to write a poem for your date, what style would it be in? Acrostic.

Dana Kelsey '10

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Age: 20
Eye Color: blue
Height: 5'6"
Sign: Capricorn
Hometown: New Hartford, New York . . . no I am not a townie, I am not from Clinton.

Major: Math and Psych

Interested In: The male species.
What You Are Looking For: Anything and everything

Ideal Date:
On Campus: Milbank 30
Off Campus: Chuck E. Cheese's

If you were to prepare a romantic dinner, what would be on the menu? Breakfast for din
What is your ideal date wearing? Umm pj's obvi.
Turn Ons: Being attractive
Turn Offs: Creepers
Dating Deal Makers: Knowing all of the words to the K9 Advatix commericals
Dating Deal Breakers: Jacked up teeth

Favorites
Place to Hangout on Campus: Milbank 30
Exercise At The Gym: Calf raises
Gift to Give: My presence
Gift to Get: Free Opus
Song: Can't believe it- T-pain ft. Lil Wayne. I <3 Wis-canson.
Book: lol books
Movie: Saw 1-4, The Strangers, and Elf
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: The Never Ending Story
Celeb Crush: Flavor Flav
Campus Crush: Jason Barth
Faculty Crush: Babyface
Sitcom: Seinfeld
Reality TV Show: Rock of Love 2
Quote: "Randay – a day where everything is nothing what it seems" – Kelly
Car: A broken down 1995 green Ford Explorer.

Ors
Light side or Dark side? D-side
Innie or Outie? innie
Coffee or Tea? Coffee . . . caffeine is god
Boxers or Briefs? Tighty-whities…duh
Midnight Rendezvous or Afternoon Delight? Afternoon Delight. . . what an amazing song!
Hot or Cold? cold
Rok or VT? Milbank 30
Opus or DD? Opus <3
Keystone light or keystone ice? A stone is a stone. I don't discriminate.
Annex or ELS basement? I believe the correct name is the Tolles Pavillion
KJ or Science Center? SCCT

My most attractive quality: my eyes, my smile, and my winning sense of humor
Weirdest decoration in my room: coloring book characters of my friends
The outfit that epitomizes me: Hamilton hoodie and yoga pants

If I were an animal I would be: A heffalump or woozle because they are cool colors and patterns
If I were a color I would be: PINK! because I'm Dana.
If I could go anywhere in the world: I would go Disney World because it's the happiest place on earth
If I were a cartoon character: I would be Spongebob because who doesn't want to live in a pineapple under the sea?

The best pick-up line I have used: I don't need pick up lines, I'm a girl at Hamilton College
The best pick-up line that has NOT worked on me: "Do you want the firstllick of my cone?"
How can someone tell that you are interested? ohh trust me you'll know ;)

If I were out with a date & were charged by a bear I would:
A) Throw my date in front of the bear and run
B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead"
C) Kill your date and yourself before the bear gets you
D) Team up and try to fight the bear
E) Other: stay on the other side of the cage because the only way I would see a bear on a date is if we went to the zoo.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Flobots Scheduled to Rock Out at Hamilton

by Rachel Pohl '11
Arts & Entertainment Writer

The Tolles Pavilion, formerly known as "The Annex," is the place to be tonight as the Campus Activities Board (CAB) presents the Flobots, The Blue Scholars, and Asher Roth. The concert starts at 8:00 p.m. and ends at 11:00 p.m.

The Flobots are an alternative rock/hip hop group that formed in Denver, Colorado eight years ago. The band inspired a strong following in the Denver area and within a couple years found themselves opening up for well-known groups such as The Fray and Public Enemy. They released their first album, *Onomatopoeia,* under the moniker Jonny Yak + 5 in 2001 and their second album, *Fight with Tools,* in 2007. *Fight with Tools* rose to number 15 on U.S. charts. The Flobots are currently working on a third album that is set to be released in 2009.

The band continues to become more and more popular each year. Just this year, the Flobots appeared on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Late Night with Conan O'Brien, The Alex Jones Show, and Last Call with Carson Daly. Singer Brer Rabbit, violist Mackenzie Roberts, guitarist Andy Guerrero, bassist Jesse Walker, trumpet player Joe Ferrone, drummer Kenny Ortiz, and lead singer Jonny 5 make up the band, but Jonny 5 was the founder of the Flobots. The Roots, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Rage Against the Machine, Kayne West, and others provide influences for the band. The Flobots are best known for their hits "Handlebars" and "Rise."

The Blue Scholars and Asher Roth will open for the Flobots at tonight's show. Asher Roth is an up and coming hip-hop artist from Morrisville, Pennsylvania. Not your typical rapper, Asher is skinny, white, and blonde. Steve Rifkind was quoted as calling Asher the "best lyricist he has heard in the last ten years." The Blue Scholars are a hip-hop duo from Seattle, Washington who began playing together in 2002. Members Geologic and Sabzi use music as a way to speak up and discuss struggles between different socioeconomic classes and empower the youth.

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Set to Perform Tonight in the Tolles Pavilion (from top): The Flobots, The Blue Scholars, and Asher Roth.

The Department of Theater Presents *Roberto Zucco*

by Michelle Reiser-Memmer
Arts Administrator

The Hamilton College Theatre Department presents Roberto Zucco by French contemporary playwright Bernard-Marie Koltes. Directed by Professor of Theatre Carole Bellini-Sharp and with a cast of Hamilton College students, the production runs Nov. 6-8 and 12-15, at 8 p.m., and Nov. 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. All performances are in Minor Theater.

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Tickets are $5 for the general public; $3 for seniors and students. For reservations call 859-4057, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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HAMILTON ROMANTIC HOROSCOPES

by Steve Allinger '09
Staff Seer

Aries: Having a hard time choosing between two fine male suitors? Well boo hoo bitch, I'm sorry your life is so awesome.

Taurus: A well placed smile or hand on the back can let someone know you like them. A well placed 30 rack of keystones can confuse them into thinking they like you back.

Gemini: The recent lunar activity suggests that you should use less teeth.

Cancer: Sometimes old-fashioned gestures are the best way to romance your woman: Try buying her flowers, giving her an old letterman jacket, or beating her without mercy when she overcooks your steak.

Leo: Looking to impress your partner with a romantic date but don't have the money to afford movie tickets or a nice restaurant? Try robbing someone, because trust me, Taco Bell and Youtube clips can only get you so far.

Virgo: If you like someone, just tell them! What's the worst that could happen? Do not, however, tell them about the shrine you made, because there are many worse things that could happen in that case.

Libra: Try to be more understanding with your girlfriend: remember that her brain is twice as small as yours and contains three times the emotions.

Scorpio: Are you finding yourself attracted to a friend's romantic partner? Game on, they don't belong to him or her, slave days are over.

Sagittarius: Once again, your sign rhymes with vagittarius.

Capricorn: The position of Venus has made you extra frisky this week. It's a good time to try something new and exciting in the bedroom, but this time, try to have an actual person there with you.

Aquarius: Your rugged personality and smoldering eyes are reminiscent of a young Marlon Brando. Unfortunately your physique is reminiscent of an old Marlon Brando.

Pisces: It sucks that you are the last sign on the astrological chart because I no longer care. Just be yourself... I guess?

New Networking Website Unites the Social, Business, and Charity Realms

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
Senior Editor

Could lurking on Facebook or surfing MySpace support charitable causes? With SocialVibe.com assisting charities while fulfilling your need to connect is entirely possible. No ordinary social networking tool, SocialVibe capitalizes on the incredible number of hits received by Facebook, Myspace and other social pages by allowing individuals to post "badges" for both brand sponsors and charitable causes on their profiles. Each time a badge is viewed, points are added to the SocialVibe member's score, and cash is donated to that member's charity of choice. Gifts, called "perks," are offered by sponsoring brands to fundraisers who do especially well and, SocialVibe itself offers these perks randomly.

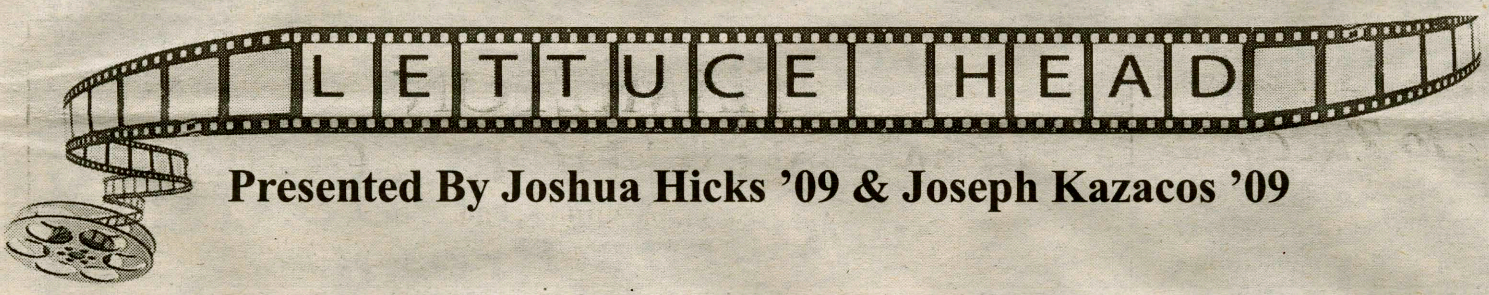
Launched in February 2008, SocialVibe has proven to be highly successful so far. By July, the site reached an important benchmark by raising $100,000 for a variety of participating charities including the World Wildlife Fund, Invisible Children, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. SocialVibe's achievements garnered it a good deal of support and some media coverage, although the site is still very much an up-and-coming Internet resource. SocialVibe was recently named one of PC Magazine's Top 100 Undiscovered Websites.

"SocialVibe recognizes the power and influence of the individual within social media," Joe Marchese, founder and president of SocialVibe told Adrants.com. "Our platform empowers individuals to wield this power and influence for a good cause while presenting brands with a unique platform to connect with a rapidly growing number of users."

Setting up an account with SocialVibe is quick and easy. Like other social networking sites, SocialVibe gives its users a sleek and well-designed profile page. A SocialVibe profile lists causes, sponsors, affiliations, and numbers of points earned, and allows the user to publicly express why they support particular charity organizations. It also includes a section for photos and a friending tool so users can link up with other SocialVibers that have interests similar to their own. In addition, the site offers a wide variety of charitable causes and corporate sponsors to choose badges from, and there is something available for people of all social interests and consumer tastes.

> **"Companies are wielding their power for good causes and of course providing SocialVibers with opportunities to win free stuff along the way."**

Perhaps SocialVibe represents a new chapter in both the social sphere of the Internet and fundraising. Turning fundraising "meta" makes perfect sense in today's Internet-driven world, and SocialVibe has truly picked up on this. The only complaint one could feasibly make about this socially proactive website is that in raising money for charity it also provides advertising to large companies like Mac Computers, Coca-Cola, and Abercrombie and Fitch. However, at least these companies are wielding their power for good causes and of course providing SocialVibers with opportunities to win free stuff along the way. SocialVibe is constantly expanding and definitely worth checking out.

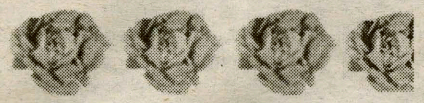


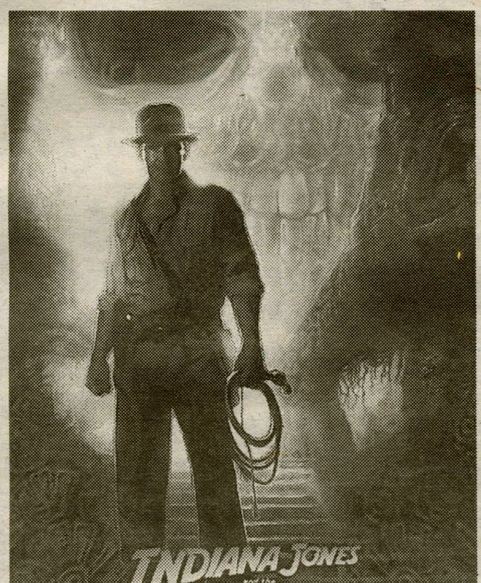
LETTUCE HEAD

Presented By Joshua Hicks '09 & Joseph Kazacos '09

Mission Impossible

Because Tom Cruise is starring in a new release, "Valkyrie," out in theaters next month, I thought I'd go back in time—as is customary—to another Cruise favorite. Not "Jerry Maguire" but the first "Mission Impossible." It has non-stop-edge-of-your-seat action sequences while telling a half decent story. I will admit it gets cheesy at times, but it was 1996. If you like helicopters flying through train tunnels and explosive chewing gum (do not chew, repeat, do not chew) then check out MISSION IMPOSSIBLE! (The first one has a lot more class than MI:2 and 3). I give this film 3.75 / 5 Lettuce Heads as a good standard action film.





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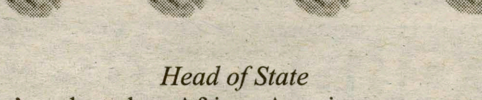
The Crystal Skull **is not a traditional Indiana flick.**

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

The three first Indiana Jones movies were key films of our youth: *Raiders of the Lost Ark* in 1981, *Temple of Doom* in 1984, and the *Last Crusade* in 1989. Even the young Indiana Jones movies as well as the Indiana Jones chronicles have a place in the hearts of true fans.

So how does *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* stack up to what has already been engrained in our childhood memories? *The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* attempts to portray Indie in a different time period, well after WWII. He's a bit older, a bit clumsier, but just as cunning. The whole family aspect (of which I won't go into detail for those of you who haven't seen it) comes off as a bit cheesy. The love story is too convenient, being tied up in a nice little bow with a wedding scene finishing the movie, and trust me, you'll see this coming from a mile away. Although not a "traditional" Indiana Jones movie, the precarious traps and creative new worlds fit the genre. Spielberg does go over the top with some of the special effects, but the movie does not fail to entertain at any point throughout the story, earning it 3.8 lettuce heads. Look for it on CH54.



Head of State

Now that we've elected an African American man as president, it seemed appropriate to write about a comedy I purchased over the summer. It features Chris Rock and the late Bernie Mac (RIP). If you haven't seen *Head of State,* now is a golden opportunity to laugh off the stereotypes that people can't seem to get enough of when it comes to politics. Of course, who better than Chris Rock to take a stab at political and social humor? This film gets 5/5 Lettuce Heads for overall good laughs and although Mr. Obama has a good head on his shoulders, this will be a real escape from politics. You should know that going into the film, unless of course you've never heard of Chris Rock.

Weekly Charts

by Jennifer Vano '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From billboard.com)

TOP ALBUMS
1. AC/DC-Black Ice
2. Pink-Funhouse
3. Soundtrack-High School Music 3: Senior Year
4. John Legend-Evolver
5. Toby Keith-That Don't Make Me a Bad Guy

TOP SINGLES
1. Life Your Life-T.I. feat. Rihanna
2. Whatever You Like-T.I.
3. So What-Pink
4. Hot N Cold-Katy Perry
5. If I Were a Boy-Beyonce

MOVIES
(*From* imdb.com)

1.High School Musical 3 Senior Year
2. Zack and Miri Make a Porno
3. Saw V
4. Changeling
5. The Haunting of Molly Hartley

BOOKS
(*From* The New York Times Best Seller List)

PAPERBACK FICTION
1. THE SHACK, BY WILLIAM P. YOUNG
2. THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES, BY SUE MONK KIDD
3. WORLD WITHOUT END, BY KEN FOLLETT
4. THE BRIEF WONDROUS LIFE OF OSCAR WAO, BY JUNOT DÍAZ
5. THE ROAD, BY CORMAC MCCARTHY

PAPERBACK NON-FICTION
1. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
2. DREAMS FROM MY FATHER, by Barack Obama
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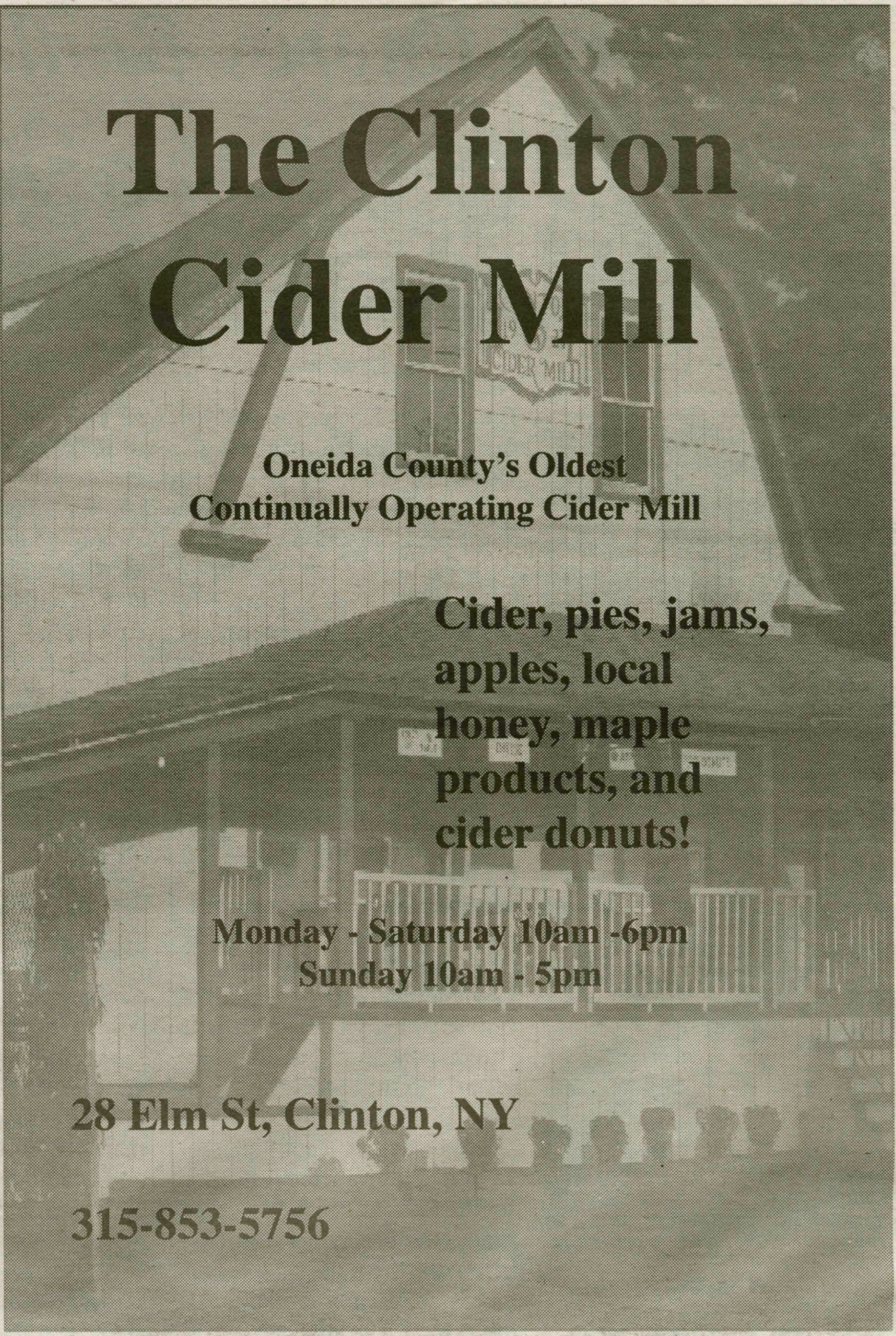

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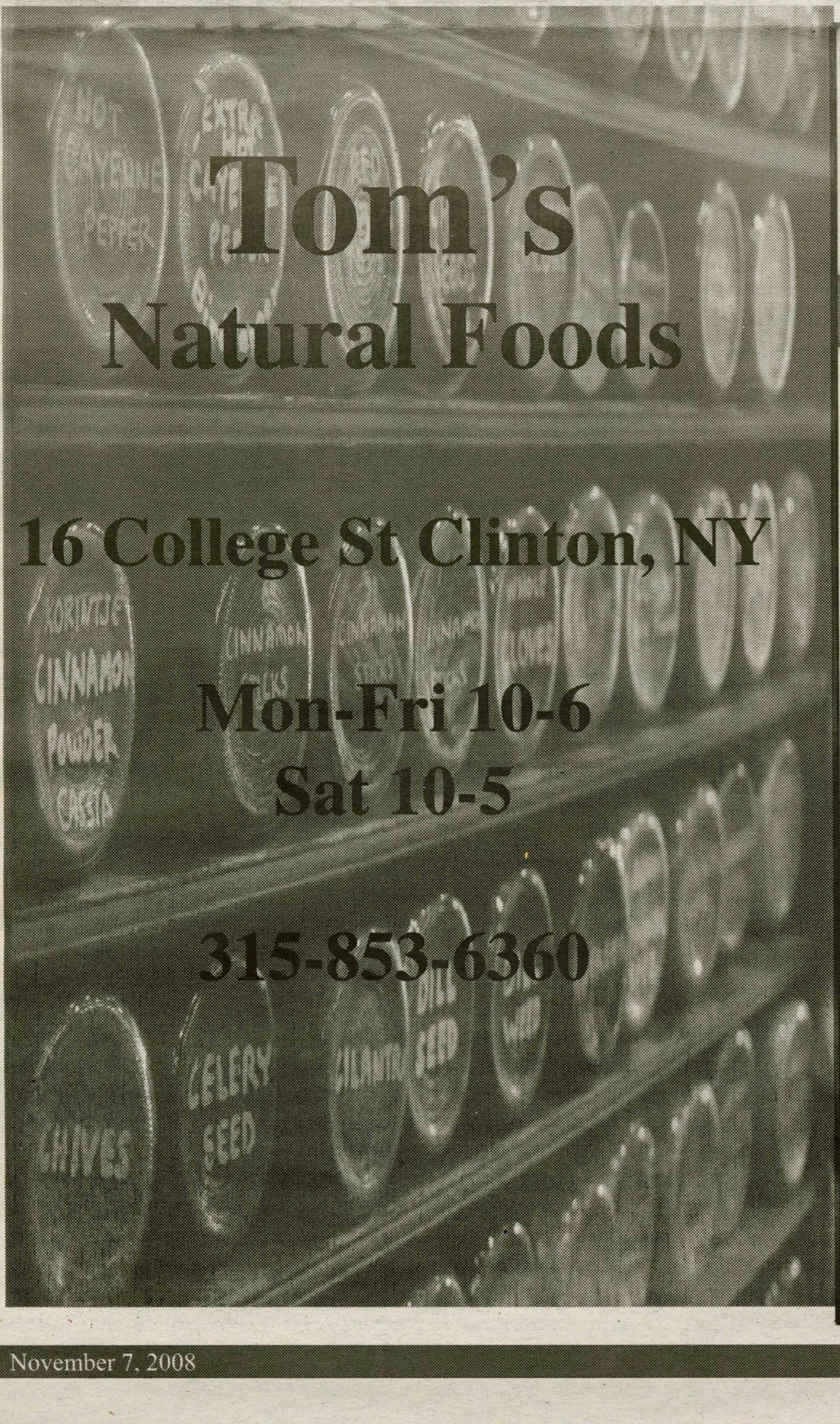

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The Dorm Energy Battle: Make the Battle a War

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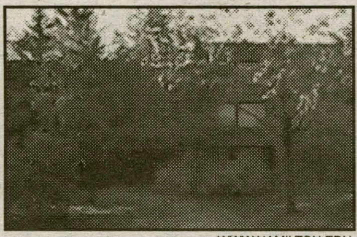
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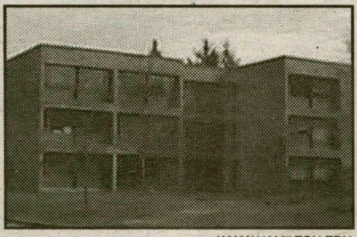
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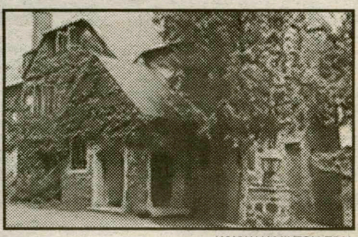
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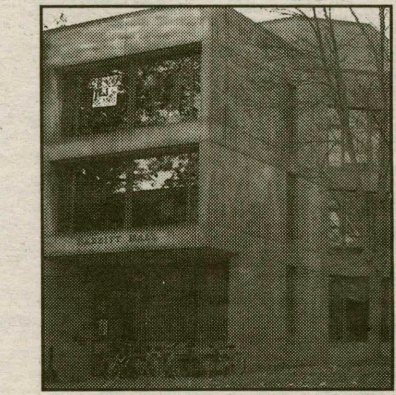
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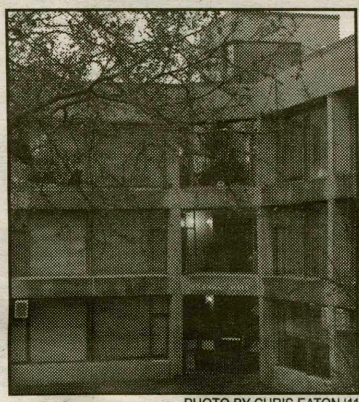
Babbitt vs.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Milbank

by Saad S. Chaudhry '12
Science & Technology Editor

Over the past few weeks, Hamiltonians have been incessantly hearing about HEAG's latest project: Hamilton's premier Dorm Energy Battle. The battle, which is essentially two contests of energy conservation, kicked off on Saturday, November 1, and will live on for two weeks. One contest is between Milbank and Babbitt, and the other is among Major, Minor, McIntosh, Kirkland, and Wertimer; the two winners win a dorm pizza party and all the glory that comes from being the best at saving the planet. Many Hamiltonians felt that HEAG's Green Week was too short an event to actually cause any plausible impact on either the physical environmental outcome or, perhaps more importantly, the psychological attitude of the students. Well, HEAG has responded with vigor—with battle.

I asked HEAG Co-Presidents Catie Ferrara '11 and Jeremy Gleason '11 to comment on the incentives for the battle, and Ferrara replied, "We'd like to help people realize that their everyday energy decisions have an impact not only on their dorm, but also on the environment. There are also economic benefits to energy reduction; Hamilton could save thousands of dollars if we all monitored our personal energy consumption, and that money could go to other initiatives on campus." Gleason added, "The Dorm Energy Battle seeks to address our carbon dioxide emissions. Hamilton college produces 15,000 tons of CO_2 each year from electricity alone, which is 61 percent of our total carbon emissions. If each individual was to reduce his/her energy use by just ten percent, we would see a reduction by more than one thousand tons of CO_2."

Regressing to the economic aspect of conserving energy, it is widely understood that the U.S. economy is presently unhealthy. As a result, Wall Street and Main Street are not the only ones suffering; Hamilton College is getting hit hard as well. The endowment for Hamilton College is heavily dependent on alumni contributions, and since many alumni receive incomes from the hard-hit Wall Street and Main Street, Hamilton's endowment is projected to decline for the first time in many years. Thus, energy conservation may help ease the pain, as Gleason more specifically explains, "If the inhabitants of each of the dorms in the competition were to make small changes in behavior, they could collectively save 90,000 kwH per month, saving the school nearly $12,000."

We all know that energy conservation is important, but how can we help out? Ferrara points out certain specific habits, such as "turning lights off when you're not in the room, keeping the heat down, or switching off powerstrips when not using anything on them." Gleason further adds that we need to change our perception of environmentalism in order to make it feasible to do even the simplest of things that help conserve energy; as he states, "Many people believe that environmentalism is only concerned with trees or endangered species. While those are major concerns, the environment is also humankind's immediate space. How we treat our surrounding area, be it our dorm rooms or our campus, will have an effect. It is up to us to create a healthy environment, and that does not require hiking into the wilderness, or giving up the luxuries of modern life."

So who is winning? As of November 5, it is Wertimer who leads in the battle against Kirkland, McIntosh, Major, and Minor, winning with 2.95 kilowatt-hours of energy less than Kirkland, which is in second place. In the competition between Babbitt and Milbank, Milbank is crushing Babbitt by consuming a whopping 14.5 kilowatt-hours less energy. Daily results of the battle can be found online at http://www.geocities.com/energybattle/.

There is little doubt that this is an incredibly grandiose project, especially when considering this is the first time in Hamilton's history such a project has commenced; being such, it obviously required much planning and support. The Residential Advisors and Hamilton College faculty that deal with environmental issues, such as the Campus Sustainability Committee, have helped make this battle possible through their commendable support. However, there are two individuals that have especially helped with the planning of the project: Brian Hansen and Steve Bellona.

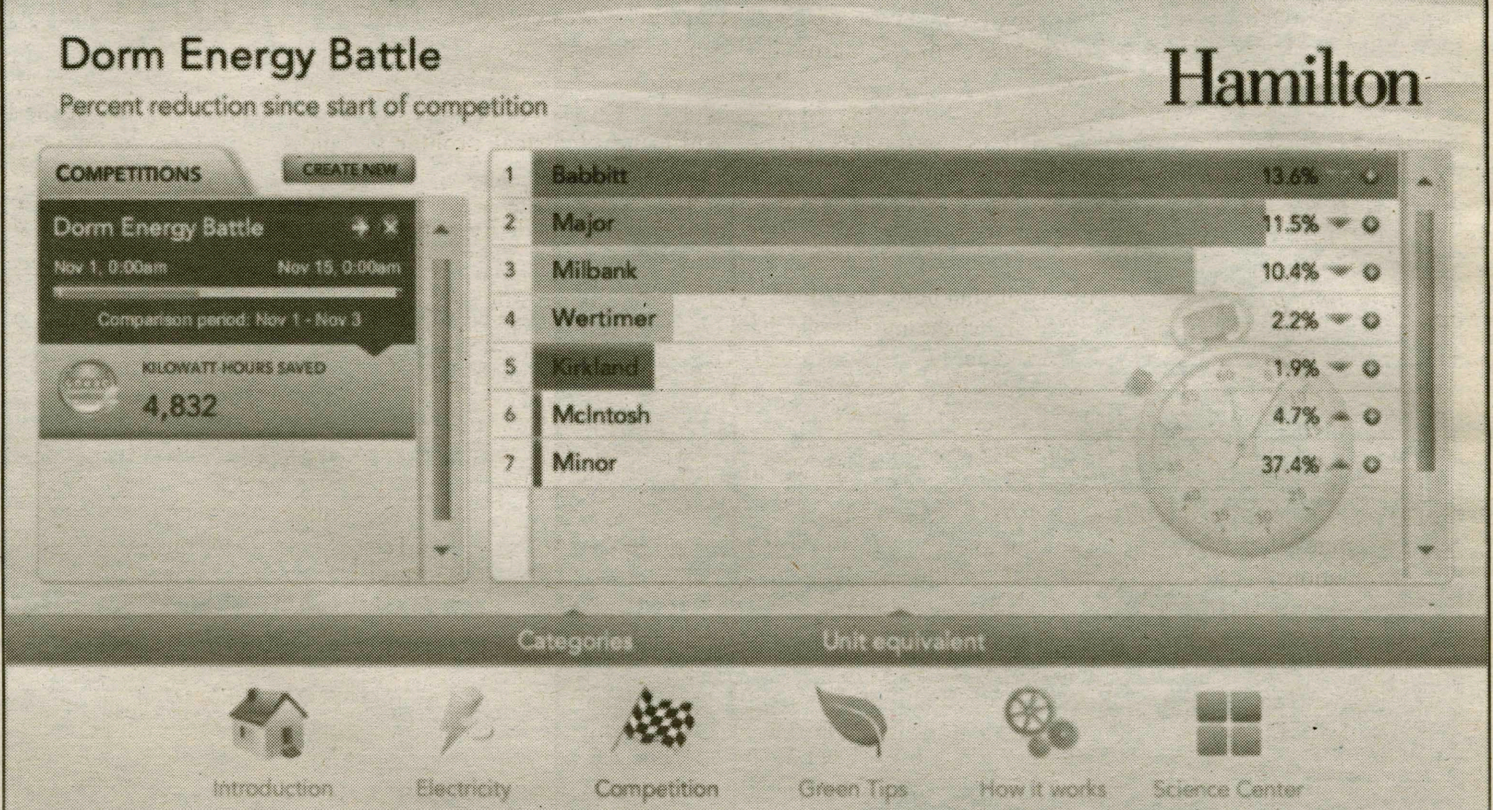
"Brian Hansen, director of environmental protection, safety, and sustainability, and Steve Bellona of Physical Plant have been looking into the feasibility of a dorm energy competition since Hamilton became a client of the Energy Dashboard which records buildings' energy usage in real time. Check out www.hamilton.edu/dashboard," stated Ferrara.

There is certainly heaps of buzz surrounding this revolutionary event in Hamilton College's history; however, will this event be successful in the end?When Sci & Tech section did a reactions piece to HEAG's Green Week that consisted of student quotes, and the verdict appeared to be that the event was not successful, due to both a lack of knowledge the event even occurred, and because the event was not long enough to concretize the abstract environmental goals in the vibrant Hamilton minds.

When asked to comment on the projection of the battle's success with respect to HEAG's success, Ferrara replied, "I think people will get more excited about the energy battle than they generally do about Green Week. Green Week is a great tradition, but there's something about a Dorm Energy Battle that gets people talking. For one thing, there's real incentive to participate: winning dorms get a pizza party and, of course, glory." Gleason added, "I think the Energy Battle will be more successful than Green Week. More people are aware of it, and the changes we are making are direct and concrete: unlike Green Week, the battle is not solely concerned with raising awareness about the environment; it is also putting change into effect, and actually improving our treatment of the environment through energy reduction."

To ensure the battle has a more lasting effect on the Hamilton student body, HEAG has already started planning the advancement of the project with the involvement of more dorms, such as Dunham, and with a greater time frame; Gleason explains, "More energy competitions are definitely on the way. In the coming semesters, more and more dorms will be connected to the Energy Dashboard. Eventually, it will be possible to have campus-wide competitions, involving all of Hamilton's dorms." Ferrara adds, "We want to make this a month-long event every semester. Also, I'm part of a task force in the Sustainability Committee that's focusing on dorm and office energy reduction. If this particular project doesn't end up being a keeper, you can still be sure to see energy reduction efforts in the future, but I've got high hopes for the Battle."

Having high hopes definitely seems justified, and perhaps we will see the battle turn into a great war.


Dorm Energy Battle
Percent reduction since start of competition

Dorm Energy Battle
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1	Babbitt	13.6%
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3	Milbank	10.4%
4	Wertimer	2.2%
5	Kirkland	1.9%
6	McIntosh	4.7%
7	Minor	37.4%

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The Hamilton College Energy Dashboard displays the real-time values for the energy used by each of the dorms.

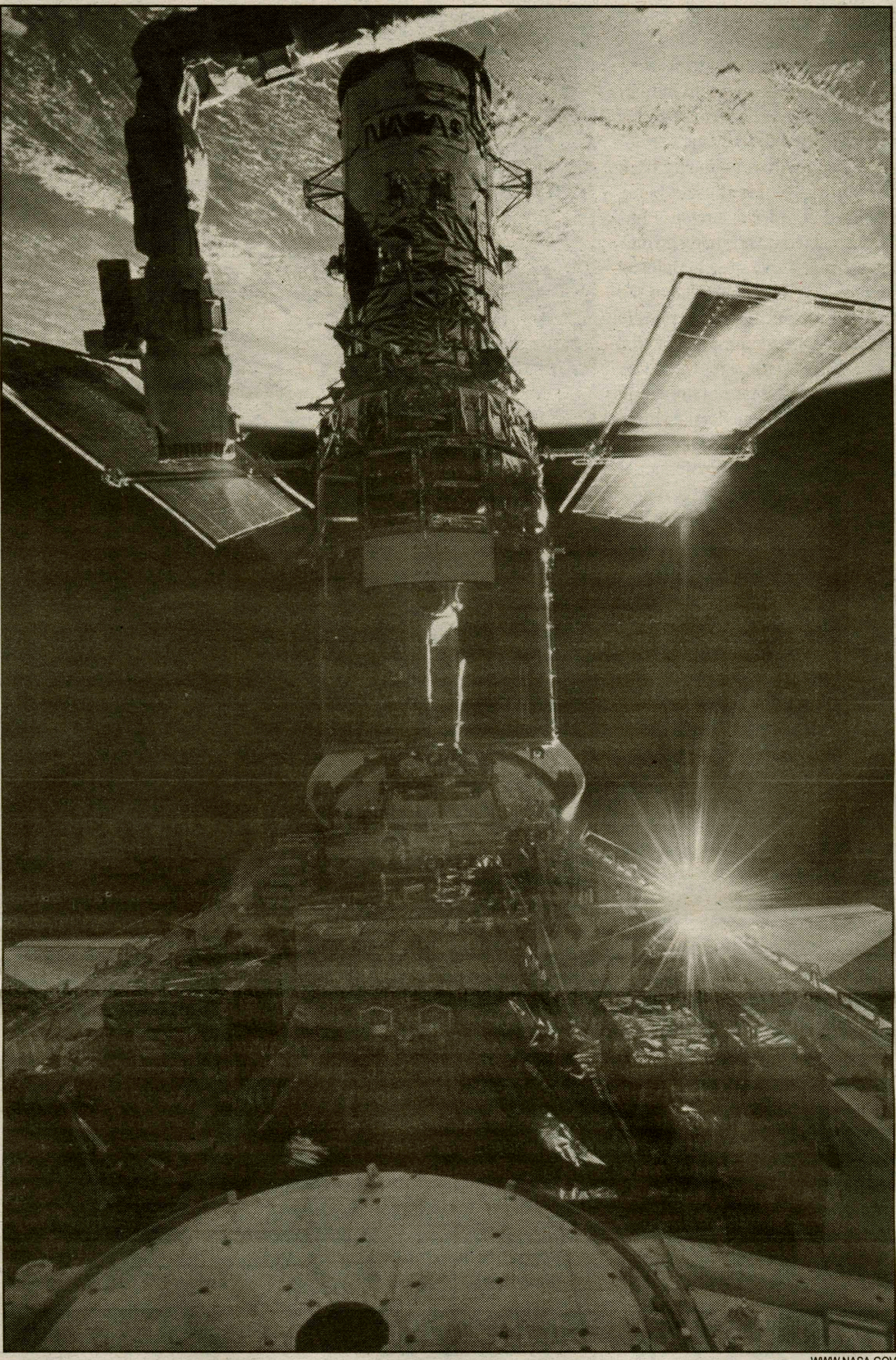
The Hubble Space Telescope Through the Years

by Yinghan Ding '12
Science & Technology Writer

The Hubble Telescope is named after Edwin Hubble, one of the greatest American astronomers. He studied galaxies and devised a classification scheme for them using subdivisions of four basic types (elliptical, spiral, barred spiral, and irregular). In 1929, he proposed what is now known as Hubble's Law, which introduced the constant of proportionality, also known as Hubble's constant.

The Hubble Space Telescope is an orbiting astronomical observatory launched in 1990. The telescope's high-resolution images are far better than can be obtained from the Earth's surface. Orbiting 350 miles above the atmosphere, the telescope has a 94.5-inch diameter that can peer with matchless resolution into the black hole hearts of galaxies and discern glints of stars and galaxies deeper into space-time than any eye can see.

After the launch of the Hubble Telescope, several astronaut crews were sent to correct the Hubble's vision in 1993. Images had been blurred because of a misshapen mirror. After that, three more trips were made to repair the telescope and add new, more powerful instruments, which have increased the telescope's range of view into the cosmos. Despite debate over whether it is too dangerous and risky to send another space shuttle on another mission to the telescope, one last trip has been planned, currently set for 2009. For the past 18 years, the Hubble telescope has been beaming cosmic postcards to the earth from its orbital vantage point above the atmosphere. Engineers say that after this last repair trip, the Hubble should be able to function well until 2014. After that, a new space telescope will be sent to replace the Hubble. Officials in NASA have disclosed that the successor to the Hubble will be the James Webb Space Telescope.



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The Hubble telescope as lit by both the Sun and the Earth while orbiting in space.

Next year, a crew of seven astronauts will be taking the shuttle Atlantis for an 11-day visit to the telescope. During the visit, the astronauts will be installing two new instruments, and will repair the telescope's spectrograph and its best camera, both of which are currently suffering electrical problems. They will also replace the telescope's batteries and gyroscope, which will ensure that it will run smoothly for the final six years of its career. Although this is supposed to be the last repair trip, nobody knows whether or not it will be.

Since the end of September, the telescope's instruments have been shut down due to an electrical failure in a router that formats data for transmission to the ground. It is still a few months before the scheduled trip to repair the Hubble will occur, so engineers have to think of a way to keep it working before next year's repair trip. For a month, the Hubble has been in a "safe mode," just like our household computers, which load in "safe mode" after unusual shutdowns.

Engineers at Goddard Space Flight Center (the agency which is responsible for the Hubble's maintenance) say that the shutdown was the result of a timing problem between a pair of software routines in the camera, and that the error has been corrected. Optimally Hubble's main camera, the wide-field planetary Camera two, should begin sending pictures back to Earth in a few weeks. Meanwhile, engineers at Goddard are testing a spare router in the hopes that astronauts can take it to the Hubble and replace the damaged unit as part of the next, and hopefully the last, maintenance mission, which, until recently, was scheduled for Febuary of next year.

Good news and bad news came a few days ago concerning this maintenance of the Hubble. After an electrical malfunction caused it to shut down a month ago, the Hubble Space Telescope will be back in business soon. However, the bad news is that the space mission to repair and upgrade the Hubble has been pushed back again. So far, in an announcement last Thursday, NASA officials said that a spare router unit would not be ready by the hoped-for February launching, and that the mission would have to be pushed back to May. Hopefully, NASA will finally be prepared to launch the mission by then.

A Dynamic Stretch

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lows the body to more easily accommodate the muscles' needs in the future.

One can start dynamic stretching in a number of different ways. A few easy exercises are neck circles, hip rotations, and knee rotations. Neck circles are done by slowly relaxing your neck and then gently rolling your head around in a circle. However, be careful not to roll your head too far back, as this can cause injury. Hip circles are done by kneeling on the floor and placing your hands on either side of your hips, and then moving your hips in a circle. The goal here is to have the pelvis move independently of your body, and, in doing so, stretch the muscles which connect your hips to the rest of your body. Knee rotations are a bit trickier. You should stand with your feet together and with slightly bent knees, place your hands gently on top of your knees. Rotate your knees together in small circles in both directions. Be careful to keep your balance.

Overall, dynamic stretching is an easy way to increase flexibility and range of motion, without all of the possible negative side effects of static stretching. However, no matter which stretching method you choose, remember to listen to your body and don't force it to do things it is not ready for.

Solutioneering: Slow Internet

by David Riordan '09
Sci & Tech Senior Writer

Ted Stevens (R-Corrupt):

Thank you for slowing down the series of tubes leading to the Internets at Hamilton.

At the time this paper went to press, it appeared that Ted Stevens had won reelection to the United States Senate for the eighth time, marking the 40th year since he first was elected. You might know him as the United States Senator who was just convicted on seven felony counts. Or you might just know him as the guy who called the internet "a series of Tubes."

Majority Leader Harry Reid has said that a vote will be scheduled to expel Senator Stevens, and he'll get the 2/3 he needs to get it done. Ted Stevens will be gone, but his legacy of corruption and ignorance will live on.

So back to why the Internet is slow at Hamilton. Ted Stevens was one of the greatest opponents of network neutrality, the belief that all traffic on the internet should be treated equally, regardless of content. Without that guarantee, it means that internet companies have the ability to slow down internet traffic (like YouTube and everything else at Hamilton) in order to let other internet traffic go faster. Think of it as an online protection racket: if you're Google and you don't pay Verizon to go fast, your users might not be able to stream video. Or if you're Hamilton College, you might slow down students internet connections during the day so they can't watch videos, browse websites, download files, or really use the internet at normal speeds.

The way the internet is designed, it's supposed to treat all internet traffic as equal. It shouldn't matter if it's video or text, lectures or porno - all traffic is treated the same by the network. You don't have to ask to innovate. You could be the next Google and the current

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Stretching Prevents Injury, Improves Flexibility

by Jessica Carroll '12
Science & Technology Editor

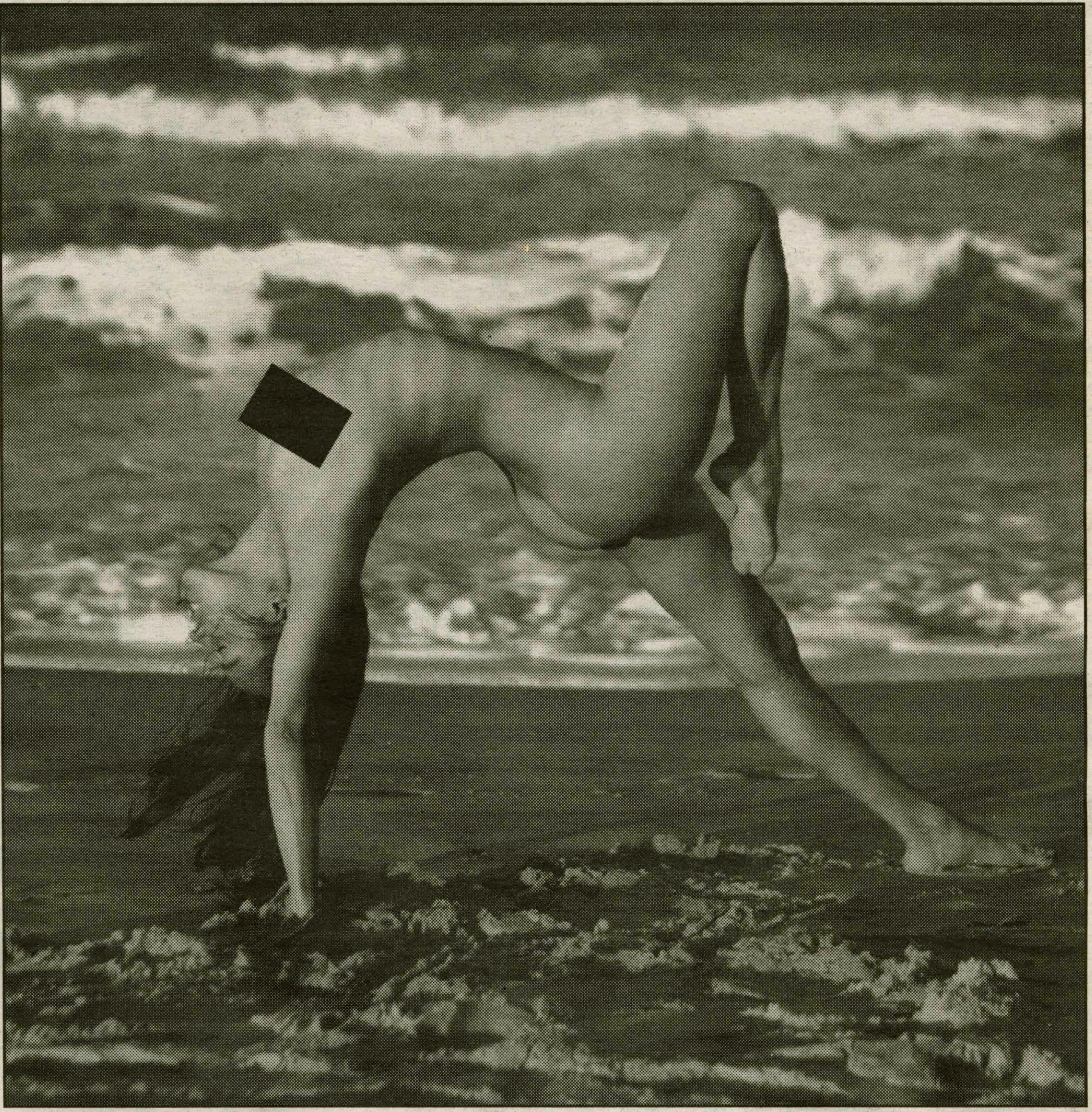
We have all been told to stretch before exercise in order to avoid injury. However, many do not do so every time they should, or even in the correct way. One major fault in many physical education programs today is the lack of instruction on how to stretch properly. A few signs on the wall placed around a mat are an improvement to a secluded corner, but many need further instruction. Improper stretching can not only lack effect but can also hurt the muscles in question. This defies the basic premise of stretching, causing the act of attempting to stay well to hurt you instead.

Along with preventing injury, proper stretching can also increase flexibility by placing tension on tendons and ligaments. Stretching can also help with muscle recovery by opening up blood channels and allowing muscle cells to dispose of waste products more easily.

There are two main types of stretching: active and dynamic. The active type, also referred to as static because the body is not moving during the stretch, is what most would think of when told to envision stretching. People mildly contort themselves until they feel a pull in a muscle, and subsequently hold that pose for a set period of time. This is good for those who are not in any active competitions at the time and want to improve their overall range of motion. The stretching action not only loosens any muscles that might be tight, but also causes them to become longer overall, which allows for an increased range of motion.

However, it is easy to perform such stretches incorrectly. One particularly dangerous form of active stretching is called ballistic stretching. This involves bouncing back and forth over the muscle being stretched in order to stretch it further than it would normally go during a proper active stretch. Ballistic stretching is dangerous due to the fact that it can cause both muscle and joint damage from the sudden forces being applied repeatedly to tender areas. This type of stretching can be used in a beneficial fashion, but should only be used under the instruction of a trained professional in order to avoid causing damage. When used by a novice, the risk of injury is higher than the possible benefit of increased flexibility and mobility.

Luckily, there is another type of stretching that has been shown to be very effective and safe: dynamic stretching. This type consists of performing movements that one might be required to do in sports or activities in a very controlled manner. This stretches the muscles by using the momentum of the body in combination with the muscular strain that is caused by the movement itself. Dynamic stretching is less forced than static stretching because poses are not held but simply moved through in order to ease the muscles into stretching at their own rate- reducing the chance of injury. It also helps to warm the muscles before exercise, as heat can lower the possibility of a strain and lubricate the joints thanks to dynamic stretching's slow, controlled movements.



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Dynamic stretching can be beneficial for athletes in many sports. In addition, it can help everyday people with flexibility and increase the ability to do activities like yoga.

This type of stretching is especially good for athletes whose muscles often absorb lots of shock, such as football players or sprinters. If one were to statically stretch before a big game or scrimmage, the muscles would be decreased in capacity for approximately one hour. Dynamic stretching, however, slightly raises the body temperature and gets blood flowing, which al

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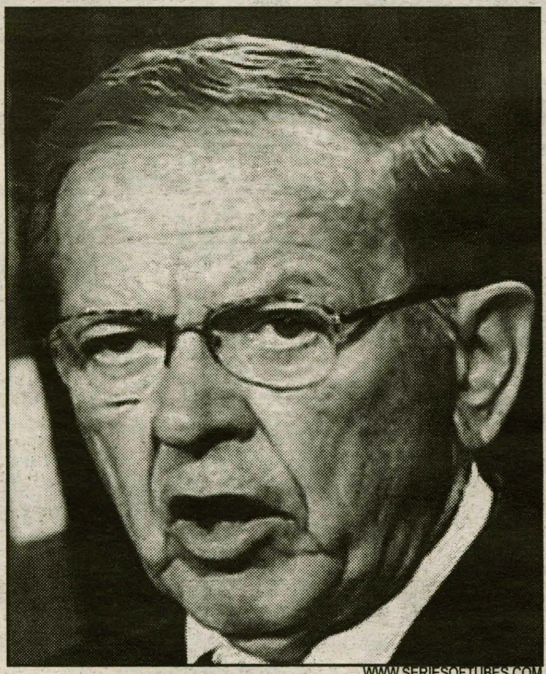

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Google can't stop you.

Unfortunately, members of Congress like Ted Stevens don't see things that way. Senator Stevens thinks ISPs should be able to restrict content to prioritize traffic. That means we can't use the internet as fast as it is. At Hamilton, it's no protection racket, it's limited speeds for a lot of people, but the point still remains that the legal regime allowing ISPs to slow traffic is still against the internet's intentional architecture.

So Ted Stevens, good riddance, and unclog the series of tubes.

ANATOMY IS DESTINY.

~SIGMUND FREUD

Did You Know That?

Wacky Facts: Extreme Wild Sex

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

- *Male and female rats may have sex up to twenty times a day.*
- *Sex is the safest tranquilizer in the world. It is ten times more effective than Valium.*
- *For every "normal" webpage, there are five porn pages.*
- *Sex is biochemically no different from eating large quantities of chocolate.*
- *A man's beard grows fastest when he anticipates sex.*
- *An adulterous Greek male was sometimes punished by the removal of his pubic hair and the insertion of a large radish into his rectum.*
- *There are men in Guam whose job is to travel the countryside and deflower young virgins, who pay them for the privilege of having sex for the first time.*
- *Topless saleswomen are legal in Liverpool, England, but only in tropical fish stores.*
- *Male bats have the highest rate of homosexuality of any mammal.*
- *The average shelf-life of a latex condom is about two years.*
- *"Formicophilia" is the fetish for having small insects crawl on your genitals.*
- *"Ithyphallophobia" is a morbid fear of seeing, thinking about or having an erect penis.*
- *In India it is, on average, cheaper to have sex with a prostitute than to buy a condom.*
- *Sex burns 360 calories per hour.*
- *Women who read romance novels have sex twice as often as those who don't.*
- *The average person spends two weeks of life kissing.*
- *Males, on average, think about sex every seven seconds.*
- *Each day, there are over 120 million acts of sexual intercourse taking place all over the world.*
- *Snakes have two sex organs.*
- *A pig's orgasm lasts for 30 minutes.*
- *85 percent of men who die of heart attacks during intercourse, are found to have been cheating on their wives.*
- *The world's youngest parents were eight and nine and lived in China in 1910.*
- *The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime-time television were: Fred and Wilma Flintstone.*
- *25 percent of women think money makes a man sexier.*
- *Humans, bonobo monkeys, and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.*

Midnight Madness

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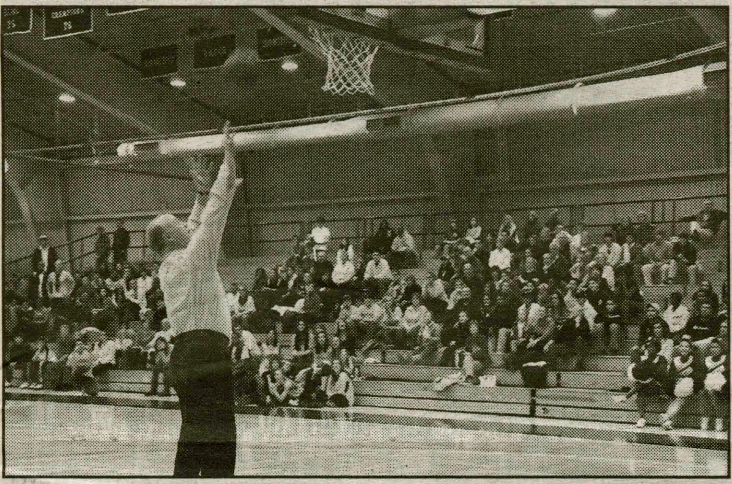
got the chance to win $10,000.

"The man who won the raffle, Mr. Wood (a father visiting for parent's weekend), had to make a lay-up, a free-throw, a 3-pointer, and a half-court shot to win the grand prize. He made the first two shots, getting the crowd extremely rowdy, but unfortunately failed to hit the last two shots," recounted Conroy.

There were three celebrity judges for the dunk contest: Marge (from Commons), Lisa Magnarelli (Assistant Dean of Students for Campus Life/Director of Student Activities), and Professor Robert Simon (philosophy department). They gave out a lot of high scores for many of the dunks and the lowest they went was a five for a missed dunk. The event was MC'd by Coach TJ Davis (of the swimming team).

"Midnight Madness went very well," reported Men's Basketball coach Tobin Anderson. "We want to thank all the students, parents, and families who came to the event, and we look forward to seeing them at our games this year."

Brian Mizoguchi '11, Director of HAVOC, added, "We are certainly interested in holding this event again next year. We had an enjoyable and exciting event, a great turnout, and raised money for a great cause."



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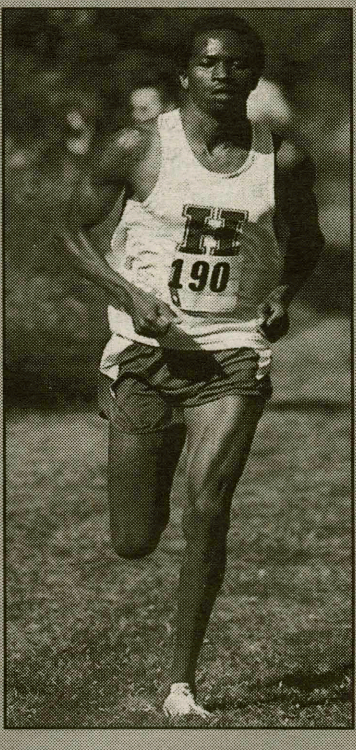
Mr. Wood P'10 wows the crowd as he shoots for $10,000.

Cross Country Trip to NESCAC Championships

by James Russell '09
Sports Writer

The men's and women's cross country teams ran through the trails of the scenic Saratoga Park last Saturday to mixed results... literally. Amidst numerous errors in the end time sheets, the men's team pulled out an eighth place finish while the women settled in at seventh place (the errors were eventually corrected). You may be thinking that eighth and seventh place mean that six and seven teams finished ahead of the Continentals that day. However, the two squads also managed to beat 18 and 17 teams respectively.

On the men's side, it was a positive scene. Deciding to "take it easy," Peter Kosgei '10 stayed with the lead pack until out sprinting his closest competitor in the last 400 meters for the victory in 25:04. Luxuries like that will help keep him for fresh for the bigger meets. In addition, Kosgei's "easy day" slowed down the lead pack, helping the mortals on the Hamilton team run closer to the front group. Will Reid '10 took full advantage of the slower lead pack, mischievously keeping within 10 seconds of Kosgei after the first mile. Had he not nearly run into a barbecue set (a consequence of the massive number of runners), who knows how long he could have stayed near Kosgei.



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Peter Kosgei '10 wins again!

About 25 seconds behind Will was Scott Bickard '11, whose slow start cost him precious time. "I won't make the same mistake again," the sophomore said.

Louis Winkler '10 and Kevin Kerr '10 rounded out the top five for Hamilton. Each ran personal bests for the day. Their continued assent will be crucial during championship season.

"Dank Applewagon," Cam Gaylord '09 said after he finished the race. "That's all I can say." But a dank applewagon pie might have been more applicable, as the top 20 finishers received an apple or pumpkin pie as per the tradition of the race.

The women's team had a slightly more impressive day. Although no female runner managed to secure a pie (due in no small part to the absence of Meredith FitzPatrick '11 due to injury), they put a solid pack of ladies in the 30-50 place range. Gen Flanders '09 led the contingent of Abby King '09, Emily Potter '12, Kate Hails '10, and Maddy Gunter '11. With FitzPatrick's return, the women's team is a bona fide regionals contender. The always improving squad must continue their self-help ways if they are to stay on the path of contention.

Both Hamilton teams will make the seven-hour journey to Maine this Friday for the Saturday race.

"It's going to be a time for homework, but also a great time to watch some excellent movies," Keith Gross '09 remarked with excitement.

The squads will have the privilege of starring in their own movie on Saturday: The NESCAC Championships. Hopefully, it will be a short film.

Successful Season for Crew

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The women's team raced on Saturday in the regatta. Florea was coxswain in the collegiate four race, with Weatherall at stroke, Eban Lewis in the bow seat, Baily in the three-seat and Pam Lewis in the two-seat. The boat finished 17th out of 34 boats with a time of 20:12.509.

The men's team placed 30th in the collegiate eight race. The boat was composed of Rudel, de Moor, Belden, Matt, Ely, Minchew, Wilson, Hincks and Hoyt. Bottini coxed the collegiate four, which placed eighth out of 31 boats (including DI rowing powerhouses University of Michigan and University of Massachusetts) with a time of 17:14.81. Matias was stroke, Cardoni was bow seat, Cowles was in the three-seat and Sholl was in the two-seat.

The crew teams wrapped up their fall seasons at the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta in Philadelphia on October 25. Although they faced heavy rain and winds in the Open Club 8, the Hamilton women managed to finish 13th out of 28 entries. Cassiello was the coxswain, and the rest of the boat included Weatherall, Eloise Walter '11, Bailey, Pam Lewis, Eban Lewis, Erika Desmond '12, Spencer Gulbronson '12 and Raia.

The women's team had two entries in the Frosh/Novice 8 race. The first boat finished in a time of 17:20.91, with Sophie Breene '12 as coxswain, Harrison as stroke, Annika Treyball '12 in the bow seat, and Cara Vennari '12, McKayla Dunfey '12, Katie Peterson '12, Liza Ruemelin '12, Virginia Slattery '12 and Izzy Cannell '11 in seats seven through two. The Novice 8 "B" boat held coxswain Laura Boynton '12, Sarah Kelley '12 at stroke, Manique Talaia-Murray '12 in the bow seat, and in seats seven through two, Alice Dannenberg '11, Kristin Forgrave '12, Kathryn Steck '12, Catherine Prescott '12, Rebecca Pomerantz '12 and Kayla Brenden '12.

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The Men's Open Eight entry at the Head of the Charles Regatta.

The men's team had one of their top performances of the season, with Hamilton's entry into the Open Four finishing third with a time of 15:51.28 in the 4000-meter course. Bottini coxed in the Open Four, with Matias at stroke, Cardoni in the bow seat, Cowles in the three-seat and Sholl in the two-seat.

Rudel coxed Hamilton's entry in the Open Club Eight, finishing 14th out of 30 entires with a time of 15:29.99. The boat included de Moor at stroke, Blenden in the bow seat, and Matt, Wilson, Eisenhart, ely, Hincks and De La Rosa in seats seven through two. Bixby led the team in the Frosh/Novice Eight race, coxing a boat that finished 16th with a time of 15:19.76. Alex Snow '12 was stroke, Jeff Rabinowitz '12 was in the bow seat, and the rest of the rowers included Seaman, Hoyt, Minchew, Michael Tracey '11, Ian Thresher '12 and Matt Poterba '12.

The spring season will herald the return of a number of juniors who have been abroad, including Kendall Scott '10, Lily Ericsson '10, Helen Quigley '10, Lizzie Collins '10, Jenn Anderson '10 for the women's team, and Charlie Palanza '10 for the men's team.

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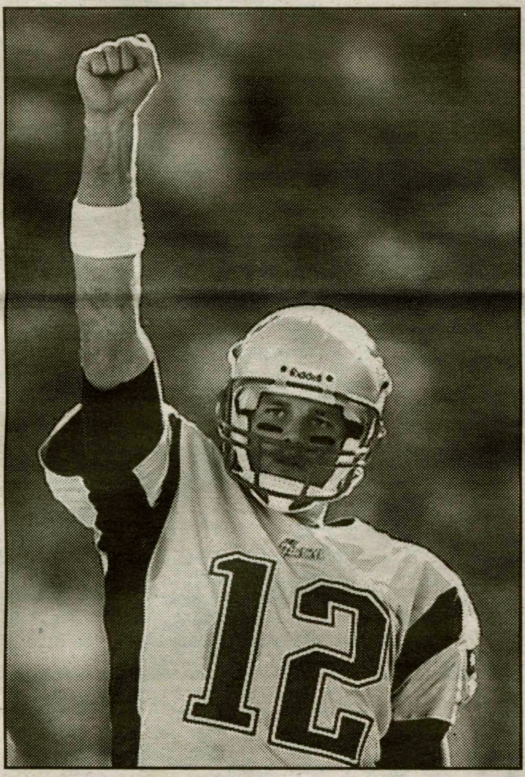
A Glance at the NFL's Indianapolis Colts - New England Patriots Rivalry

by Daniel Hagemeier '12
Sports Writer

The rivalry between the Indianapolis Colts and the New England Patriots is a fairly new one. Even though both teams played in the same division for 32 years before the merger of NFL and AFL, they didn't have much in common. After 1970, both teams played in different divisions and played each other occasionally, but without the feel of a great rivalry.

So when did the rivalry between both teams take off? As with every other great rivalry, it is all about the quarterbacks. When Indianapolis developed into one of the NFLs powerhouses with Peyton Manning under center, and New England established themselves as the top Super Bowl contender every year with Tom Brady as quarterback, a new rivalry was born. Both quarterbacks are "friendly foes," respecting each other and competing only on the field. Peyton has the edge in the regular season, but Brady has won three Super Bowls compared to Manning's one. Both their stats lines are enormous. Peyton Manning has started 167 consecutive regular season games throwing for 43,380 yards, 326 TDs and 162 INTs. Brady has thrown for 26,446 yards, 197 TDs, and only 86 INTs. He broke Peyton Manning's record of TDs in one season with 50 TDs in 2007, throwing for 4,806 yards. There really is no big difference.



In fact, both teams are very alike in general. They both are led by very capable owners in Robert Kraft of the Patriots and Jim Irsay of the Colts. They both have successful team presidents. Bill Polian created a Buffalo Bills team in the late 1980s and early 1990s that went to four straight Super Bowls before joining the Colts. Scott Pioli had the same success as vice president of personnel for the New England Patriots. Both teams have been especially successful in recent drafts. New England drafted players like Richard Seymour, Ty Warren, Vince Wilfork, Dan Koppen, Deion Branch, Daniel Graham, and of course Tom Brady.

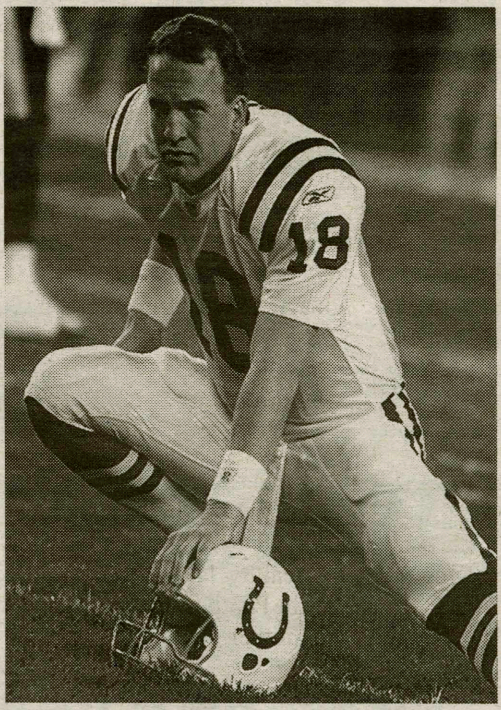
Polian drafted most of the current Colts and his first pick as president of the Indianapolis Colts was Peyton Manning in 1998. He also drafted players like Reggie Wayne, Dwight Freeney, Bob Sanders, and Joseph Addai. Both teams were also very successful with their picks late in the draft. Tom Brady was drafted in the sixth round, while Polian chose players like Robert Mathis and Cato June in the fifth and sixth round on the 2003 draft. Finally, both teams have arguably two of the NFL's best coaches in Bill Belichick for the Patriots and Tony Dungy for the Colts.

But what really fuelled the rivalry between both teams were their recent games, which most often were nail-biting and entertaining until the last second. Ironically, Tom Brady had his first career start against the Colts and led the Patriots to a 44-13 victory in Foxboro. With Tom Brady under center the Patriots won six consecutive games against the Colts.

On December 12, 1999 the Colts finally managed a victory again in a 20-15 win against the Patriots in the RCA dome. The Patriots opened the 2003 season against the Colts in Foxboro. After falling behind 17-13 at halftime, they turned the game around, winning 27-24. The game is famous for Mike Vanderjagt, who was the Colts kicker at that time and who connected on 42 straight field goals, making a money motion to the Patriots sideline before missing his kick in the final seconds of the goal.

The first post-season meeting of the two teams was in January 2004. The Patriots won 24-14 and went on to become Super Bowl champions. In January 2005, the Patriots met the Colts again in the AFC Championship game and beat them 20-3 in Foxboro. The Colts never had a chance in the snowy and windy home stadium of the Patriots, and their loss cemented Peyton Manning's status as the quarterback who couldn't win the big one, similar to John Elway in his early years. Following this defeat, the Colts clinched three straight victories against the Patriots. On November 7, 2005 the Colts beat the Patriots in Foxboro 40-21. Peyton Manning, who has 0-7 previously at Foxboro, threw for 321 yards, three TDs and one INT. Exactly one year later, the Colts won a hard fought battle at Gillette Stadium 27-20 with Peyton throwing for 326 yards, two TDs and one INT compared to Tom Brady's ugly line of 201 yards in the air and four INTs.

On January 21, 2007 both teams met for what was arguably one of the best games in NFL history. The Patriots jumped to an early 21-3 lead including one interception return for a TD. At halftime, the Colts trailed the Patriots 6-21. The Colts managed to tie the game at 21-21, only to see their following kickoff returned for 75 yards, setting up a Jabar Gaffney TD. The game continued with scores on both sides. With 2:17 minutes left, the Patriots led 34-31. Manning then led the Colts on an 80-yard drive which resulted in a Joseph Addai TD with one minute left. On their final drive, Colts' Marlin Jackson intercepted Tom Brady to decide the game. Reggie Wayne made an incredible catch on the Colts' final drive, Reche Caldwell dropped an easy Tom Brady pass wide open, and two offensive linemen scored. Logan Mankins recovered a Laurence Maroney fumble for the Patriots, and Jeff Saturday scored for the Colts. The Colts proceeded to the Super Bowl where Peyton Manning won his first Super Bowl ring in a win against the Chicago Bears.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Despite the latest loss last Sunday, the Patriots still hold the lead in the all-time series 41-27. The rivalry between both teams is one of today's greatest in the NFL. Both teams are considered to be the best in the league and both are Super Bowl contenders every year. Even though the 2008 season seems to be taking a slightly different course than expected, both teams remain in contention for another Super Bowl victory.

Women's Basketball Supports Our Troops

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News Editor

On Sunday, October 19, the Hamilton College Women's Basketball Team kicked off the 2008-09 season by announcing the first annual Holiday Hoops Ribbon Fundraising and Sponsorship Program. The program will run until December 5 and members of the team will be collecting gifts throughout the next month.

The gifts are in the form of gift cards ranging is price from $30 to $70 and encompass the tastes of men, women and children of all ages. Essentially people interested in buying a gift card can match the taste of the person they are buying for and choose a genre of gift. The gift card and a variety of choices will then be sent to the recipient and they can redeem their gift on line.

The Hamilton Women's Basketball team in specifically sponsoring the Soldiers' Angels Charity, which is a wide-reaching, volunteer-led, non-profit organization that supports various branches of the United States Armed Forces sending letters, care packages and other items to the many army men and women who are deployed. They also support their families back here in the U.S. Additionally they support veterans, wounded soldiers, and remembrance ceremonies as well as many other circumstances.

The gift cards will go directly to sponsor a family member or entire military family during this holiday season. The team will also receive some of the monetary proceeds for putting this program together.

Much of the support of this program will be from local businesses, private donors, churches, clubs and organizations and various community members.

For more information about the program or to purchase a gift card, you can contact Melanie Cargle, Hamilton Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at (315) 859-4791 or by e-mail at mcargle@hamilton.edu.

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NFL Season Full of Surprises and Duds

by Andrew Harris '11
Sports Writer

If the performance of the candidates' favorite football teams decided the election, then John McCain and his Arizona Cardinals would be in a dead tie with Barack Obama's Chicago Bears. While both the Cardinals and the Bears have started out with a 5-3 record, neither team is really one of the interesting stories of the first half of the season. Several other teams have far outperformed their expectations, while some have crumbled under the pressure.

Surprises:

Tennessee Titans: Not a single person, not even those in Nashville, could have predicted that the Titans would start 8-0 and have the best record in the NFL. With the loss of starting quarterback Vince Young early in the season, the average fan wrote off the Titans as a lost cause. Yet, led by 35-year-old quarterback Kerry Collins and rookie running back Chris Johnson, Tennessee has dominated the games they have played on both sides of the ball. With the third best rushing attack in the league and the seventh best defense, the Titans are grinding out tough victories against some of the quality teams in the league, like the Jaguars and Colts.

Atlanta Falcons: Most teams that have a rookie head coach, a rookie quarterback, and are coming off one of the worst scandals in recent NFL history are not expected to win many games. The Falcons, however, have made the impossible work for them this year. Led by rookie QB Matt Ryan and the number one rushing offense led by free-agent signing Michael Turner, the Falcons have moved their way to a 5-3 record, and have serious thoughts about the playoffs.

Carolina Panthers: There are a few teams that have outperformed the Panthers so far this year, but they get credit for performing to the level of their talent. Without star wide-receiver Steve Smith for the first two games, the Panthers went out and beat the Chargers and the Bears, two great wins. With Smith now back in the lineup and a healthy Jake Delhomme at QB, the Panthers are poised to make another playoff run.

Disappointments:

San Diego Chargers: Picked by many to win the AFC, if not the Super Bowl, the Chargers have struggled to a 3-5 record at midseason. Injuries have played their part, as pro-bowl linebacker Shawne Merriman has been out, as has all-pro running back LaDainian Tomlinson. The real problem is in the defense, where the Chargers are twenty-sixth in overall defense, and dead last in passing defense. Without any way to stop the pass, the Chargers will not be able to improve, although their division is weak enough that they may slip into the playoffs anyway.

Cleveland Browns: NFL pundits thought the Browns to be the surprise team of 2008, after a strong season last year. Those expectations, however, have not materialized. Plagued by an inconsistent offense and a spotty defense, the Browns have been lucky to find themselves with a 3-5 record. With quarterback Derek Anderson just recently benched in favor of young star Brady Quinn, it will be interesting to see how the Browns react, and if they can get back into the wild-card race.

Dallas Cowboys: Even though the Cowboys sit at 5-3, there is still much cause for concern. In last place in their difficult division, Dallas is in danger of wasting its immense talent and missing the playoffs. After the injury of quarterback Tony Romo, Dallas has nosedived, losing three out of their last four. With superstar wide receivers Terrell Owens and newcomer Roy Williams, the Cowboys are expected to regain their groove once Romo returns. However, the transition better be quick and seamless, or else major changes could happen down in Dallas.

Men's Soccer Wraps Season

by Daniel Hagemeier '12
Sports Writer

For the final three games of the regular season, the Continentals had to travel to Vassar and Rensselaer on consecutive days before finishing the year at home against SUNY Geneseo on November 1.

Head Coach Perry Nizzi's team had to fight a terrible start in the game against Vassar after falling behind 0-3 in the second half. However, Michael Hannan '09 scored in sixty-fifth minute after a combined assist from Max Akuamoah-Boateng '09 and Paul Moakler '10. It was his second goal of the season. One minute later forward Jesse Arroyave '11 fueled the hopes of the Continentals by scoring his eighth goal of the season. He headed the ball into the net after a Moakler corner kick. In the seventy-fifth minute, Frank Campagnano '12 scored on a direct kick from just outside the box. The free kick was a result of a hand ball off one of Vassar's players. With the game tied at 3-3, Vassar finally got back into the game and scored with 12 minutes left to decide the match. Although the Continentals fired seven shots in the final minutes of the game, none of them found the goal.

One day later, the Continentals played Rensselaer. After holding a tie during the first half, the team finally lost the game 2-0. Rensselaer scored first in the sixtieth minute on a penalty kick. Ten minutes later, they added another goal. Even though Rensselaer lost a player due to a red card in the seventy-fifth minute, Hamilton's men's soccer team could not take advantage of that.

The Continentals finished their season on a strong note, beating SUNY Geneseo 4-1 at home on November 1. All five goals were scored in the second half. Campagnano scored his fifth goal of the season on a free kick in the fifty-second minute. Ten minutes later Moakler added a goal when he profited from a turnover from Geneseo's keeper. After an assist from Sam Dwyer '10, Akuamoah-Boateng scored only one minute later to give the team a 3-0 lead. In the eighty-fifth minute, Akuamoah-Boateng assisted Matthias Hunkeler '10 on his first career goal. It also marked the last point Akuamoah-Boateng will score in his career at Hamilton. He finishes with nine goals and 10 assists. With only three minutes left, SUNY Geneseo scored to avoid a shutout.

The win also marked the end of the Continental's season. The team didn't make the Liberty League playoff tournament, but recorded a winning season for the ninth straight year. The Hamilton College Continentals finished with a 8-6 record and can now look ahead to great things next year.

Undefeated Women's Rugby Wins State Championship

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The HCWRFC celebrates after its 36-14 victory over Buffalo State Univ.

through a tough semi-final round at home against Buffalo State University on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The semi-final game was played in conditions far from ideal – the temperature hovered around 45 degrees and the rain did not let up at any point during the match. While Hamilton went into the game confident, Buffalo gave an early scare, scoring two tries and connecting both try kicks right away. This put Hamilton down 14-0 just a few minutes into the game. Fortunately, Hamilton was able to bounce back quickly, scoring two tries of its own to tie the game at 14.

Kate Fillon '10 played a crucial role in Hamilton's turn around, connecting on both of the first two try kicks from very far outside, and then scoring a very impressive third try, which seemed to give Hamilton the boost needed to dominate the rest of the match. The final score of the game was 36-14, with tries scored by Ryder '09, Hillary Keating'10, Fillion and Danielle "Motors" Mortorano '11, who scored for the first time in her collegiate career. As an added bonus, first year Hamilton Coach Amanda Benoit is a recent alumnus of Buffalo State.

In stark contrast from the semi-final game, November 1, when Hamilton hosted the State Championship game, proved to be one of the most gorgeous days of the fall. Also in contrast with the semi-final game, it was Hamilton that took control of the game very early on. Within the first five minutes of the 40-minute first half, Hamilton scored two tries. Hamilton maintained control of the game, allowing Canisius to score just one try, with a final score of 22-5. Hamilton scorers were Lesely Ryder '11, Mortorano, and Keating, who scored two tries.

Forth-year team member Amanda Schoen'09 summed up the day, "The state championship game was almost perfect all around - not too cold, a little bit muddy to help break your fall, and we scored the first instant we got the ball. We played a great game - one of the most fun ones I've seen. I'm really excited at all the progress we've made."

The State Championship victory versus Canisius qualified Hamilton for the Northeaster Regional tournament – a qualifier for the National Championship.

This weekend, the HCWRFC will head to Brunswick, Maine, for the Northeastern Regional tournament. Hamilton is ranked third out of four teams and is scheduled to take on No. 2 Norwich College at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8. Win or lose, the ruggers will play again on Sunday to determine the final regional standings for 2008. If Hamilton defeats Norwich on Saturday, they will receive an automatic bid to the National Tournament in the Spring.

Hamilton will be facing their strongest competition of the season this weekend. However, according to the team, they are confident that victory is well within their reach. "I know this weekend is going to be new and tougher competition," said Meghan Herman '09., "but no matter what, I also know I could not be more confident and happy to be a part of such a great, supportive, and fun team!"

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Hillary Keating '10 zigged and zagged around Buffalo State in the State Championship semi-final game.

by Erin Hoener '10
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In just their second season in Division II, the Hamilton College Women's Rugby Football Club dominated its way through the regular season undefeated and clinched the New York State Division Two Championship on Saturday.

The HCWRFC worked long and hard this season with the goal of clinching their first Division II state title.

"I think the women who came out to play this year have put their whole hearts into this season. Everyone is invested in this team, and play the game because they love it, and that is why we have done so well this season," said co-captain, Jocelyn Bos-Fiser '10.

Co-captain Stephanie Ryder '09 agreed. "In the past, the team was about 50 percent athlete, and 50 percent girls who just wanted to come to the parties. This year, all of the girls on our team are committed athletes."

As a byproduct of the common misconception of rugby in general as a "party sport," one might not know just how committed the HCWRFC has been this season, players said "We practice for two hours every day of the week," explained Ryder '09. "We go for long distance team runs, lift in the gym, have team dinners in commons, and get patched up by the training room, for which we are forever grateful! We're not asking to be regarded as varsity athletes, but wish that more, even some of our friends, could just respect us as student athletes."

To make it to the State Championship game, the Continentals first had to get

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Hamilton Crew Finishes Successful Season

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Despite the graduation of several talented seniors and the loss of juniors studying abroad for the fall semester, the Hamilton Crew teams have had a successful season. With a mix of experienced coxswains and strong first-year rowers, both teams have competed in three major regattas and have held their own against strong collegiate rowing programs.

This year the teams began their season on October 4 at the Hobart & William Smith Challenge on the Canal. The women's varsity four began the regatta, placing seventh with a time of 19:42. Catherine Florea '11 was the coxswain for the varsity 4, with Sarah Weatherall '12 at stroke and Holly Bailey '12 in the bow. Allie Boyaris '12 was 3-seat and Pam Lewis '11 was 2-seat.

The Continentals entered three boats in the men's varsity four race. The varsity four "A" boat, which finished 10th out of 18 boats in a time of 16:42, included Ricki Bottini '10 as coxswain, Andre Matias '11 at stroke, Ben Sholl '09 in the bow, Willy Cowles '09 as three-seat and Jeff Cardoni '11 as two-seat.

The varsity four "B" boat was coxed by Dan Rudel '10, with Joe Ely '12 at stroke, Talpey Matt '12 in the bow seat, Adam Minchew '12 in three-seat and Rafael De La Rosa '12 in two-seat. The "B" boat finished 17th. The men's varsity four "C" boat, which finished 16th with a time of 17:55, included Scott Bixby '11 as coxswain, Alex de Moor '10 at stroke, Sam Hincks '11 in the bow, RD Eisenhart '11 in the three-seat and Gibson Hoyt '12 in the two-seat.

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The men's varsity four "A" boat finished 8 out of 31 at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston.

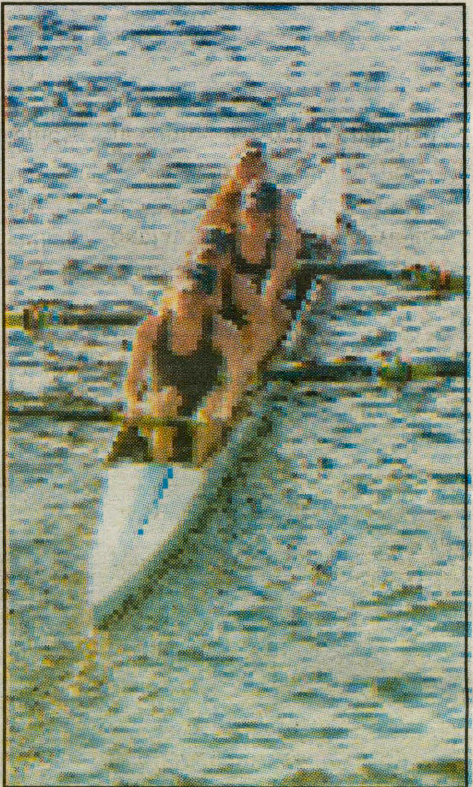
Hoyt also rowed in the Open Singles/Small Boats category, finishing with a time of 21:03. Teammates Jonathon Wilson '09 and Time Belden '10 put up a time of 21:46 in the same race.

The men's team rowed in two varsity eight heats. The first men's varsity eight boat rowed to seventh place in the 4500-meter race, with a time of 15:45, while the second boat placed fourth with a time of 16:54. Bottini was coxswain for the first boat, de Moor was stroke and Belden was in the bow seat. The rest of the boat included Cowles, Cardoni, Minchew, Wilson, Hincks and Matt.

Bixby coxed the second boat, with Alex Snow '12 at stroke, Matt Seaman '12 in the bow seat, and Eisenhart, De La Rosa, John Verni '12, Joe Ely '12, Zac Haluza '11 and Ayush Soni '11 composing the remainder of the boat.

The women's varsity eight finished their race seventh with a time of 18:43. Claire Cassiello '11 was coxswain, Weatherall at stroke, and Eloise Walter '11 in the bow seat. Seats seven through two included Boyaris, Pam Lewis, Bailey, Tine Raia '10, Eban Lewis '11 and Tory Harrison '11.

The next race, a scrimmage with Colgate, took place on October 12. The women's varsity eight came in at 14:40 behind Colgate, while the novice eight beat Colgate's novice boat in the exact same time. While the women's novice four upended Colgate, the varsity four placed third after Colgate's "A" and "B" boats. The men faired better in the Head of the Lake Moraine. Both varsity eight boats came in at a time of 12:24, around 30 seconds ahead of Colgate.



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The women's varsity four "A" boat finished 17 out of 34 with a time of 20:12.509 at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston.

Both the men and women's teams spent an exciting Fall Break in Boston competing in the Head of the Charles Regatta. This race began in 1965, established by the Cambridge Boat Club. Today, HOCR is the world's largest two-day rowing event, drawing more than 7500 athletes from around the world to compete in 55 different race events.

The racing weekend attracts upwards of 250,000 spectators, as well as professional sponsors each year. A number of Hamilton alumni living and working in the Boston area paid a visit to the regatta and visited the Reunion Village, where Hamilton College had a tent.

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